

## ***Chapter 42-4 CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT***

### **42-4.002 Definitions.**

“Unavailable” has the meaning set forth in Government Code section 8636.

(Ords. 2023-15 §12; 1880; 1685: prior code § 3110.)

### **42-4.004 Appointments for succession.**

- (a) The board of supervisors shall appoint three standby officers (designated No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3) for each of the five members of the board of supervisors. These appointments shall be updated annually.
- (b) If the chair of the board of supervisors becomes unavailable, the duties of the chair do not pass to the standby officer for that supervisor, but pass to the vice-chair of the board. If the chair and vice-chair both become unavailable, the duties of the chair pass to the remaining elected board member with the longest seniority on the board. If no elected board member is available, the duties of the chair pass to the standby officer who is chosen as chair by the standby board of supervisors.

(Ords. 2023-15 §12; 1880; 1685: prior code § 3111.)

### **42-4.006 Procedures and duties.**

- (a) The board of supervisors shall examine, investigate, remove, and replace standby officers in accordance with Government Code Sections 8638, 8639, and 8640. The board chair, or the vice-chair in the chair’s absence, shall administer the oath required by Government Code Section 8640.
- (b) The board shall file with the Secretary of State a copy of its action appointing, removing, or replacing any standby officers.
- (c) Standby officers shall have the duties prescribed in Government Code Section 8641.
- (d) The county clerk shall provide each standby officer with a copy of Government Code Title 2, Division 1, Chapter 7, Article 15, Sections 8635 through 8644, inclusive, and of Sections 42-4.002 through 42-4.010, inclusive, of this code.

(Ords. 2023-15 §12; 1880; 1685: prior code § 3112.)

### **42-4.008 Temporary appointments.**

If all members of the board of supervisors, including all standby members, become unavailable, temporary officers shall be appointed to serve until a regular member or a standby member becomes available or until the election or appointment of a new regular or standby member.

Temporary officers shall be appointed pursuant to Government Code section 8644 as follows:

- (a) By the chair of the board of supervisors of any other county within 150 miles of this county, beginning with the nearest and most populated county and going to the farthest and least populated; and if that person is unavailable,

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- (b) By the mayor of any city within 150 miles of this county, beginning with the nearest and most populated city and going to the farthest and least populated.

(Ords. 2023-15 §12; 1880; 1685: prior code § 3113.)

**42-4.010 Filling and review of appointments.**

- (a) At its second regular meeting in March of each year, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the board of supervisors shall review the status of all standby appointments. The board shall inquire whether three standbys for each member of the board of supervisors are available. Vacancies for standbys shall be filled in accordance with Government Code Sections 8638, 8639, and 8640.
- (b) At the same meeting the board shall review its designation by resolution of an alternative temporary county seat pursuant to Government Code Section 23600. (Ords. 2023-15 §12; 1880; 1685: prior code § 3114.)

(Ord. 1880: Ord. 1685: prior code § 3114).