

CHAPTER 139
Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependents Fund Board

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139.01 DEFINITIONS.

(a) "Volunteer peace officer" shall have the same definition as set forth in Section 143.01(C) of the Ohio Revised Code.

(b) "Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependents Fund Board" means the board required to be established by the County of Summit pursuant to Chapter 143 of the Ohio Revised Code.

139.02 COMPOSITION; ELECTIONS; TERM; ORGANIZATION.

The Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependents Fund Board shall consist of the following members:

(a) Two Board members nominated by the County Executive and confirmed by County Council.

(b) Two Board members elected by the volunteer peace officers of the County Sheriff's Office.

(c) One Board member elected by the Board members appointed pursuant to subsection (a) and elected pursuant to subsection (b). The Board member must meet the qualifications set forth in Section 143.02(A)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code.

139.03 ELECTIONS; TERM; VACANCY; ORGANIZATION

(a) Initial Appointments and Elections of Board Members; Term. The County Executive shall nominate two Board members for confirmation by County Council as soon as practicable following the effective date of this Chapter. Initial elections of the three other Board members set forth in Section 139.02(b) and (c) above shall be held and conducted as soon as practicable following the effective date of this Chapter. The Board members initially appointed and elected shall serve a term through December 31, 2017.

(b) Board Members; Appointments; Elections; Term. Following the initial appointments and elections of Board members, subsequent appointments and elections of the Board members shall be made as follows:

(1) The County Executive shall annually nominate two Board members who shall be confirmed by County Council not earlier than the first day of November and not later than the second Monday of December.

(2) Two Board members shall be annually elected on or before the second Monday in December in the manner set forth in Section 143.02 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(3) One Board member shall be annually elected by the Board members appointed pursuant to subsection 139.02(a) and elected pursuant to subsection 139.02 (b) of this Chapter on or before the thirty-first of December.

A Board member shall serve a one year term beginning on the first day of January.

(c) Vacancy. If a vacancy occurs as a result of an appointee of the County Executive leaving the Board, the Executive shall appoint a replacement member to fill the vacancy as soon as practicable. If a vacancy occurs as a result of a member elected pursuant to subsection 139.02(b) or (c) leaving the Board, the secretary of the Board shall call a special election to elect a replacement member to fill the vacancy.

(d) Organization. The Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependents Fund Board shall be organized as set forth in Section 143.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**139.04 POWERS AND DUTIES OF VOLUNTEER PEACE OFFICERS'
DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD**

The Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependents Fund Board shall exercise all powers and perform all duties set forth in Chapter 143 of the Ohio Revised Code. As set forth in Section 143.04 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board may adopt rules as necessary for handling and processing claims for benefits. As set forth in Section 143.04, the Board shall perform such other duties as are necessary to implement Chapter 143 of the Ohio Revised Code.

139.05 LEGAL ADVISOR.

The legal advisor to the Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependents Fund Board shall be the County Prosecutor, as set forth in Section 143.05 of the Ohio Revised Code.