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# Interim County Mayor

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If the office of the county mayor becomes vacant pursuant to § 8-48-101, the chair, or if the county mayor served as the chair, the chair pro tempore, serves as interim county mayor until the vacancy is filled pursuant to § 5-1-104. This provision is automatic and requires no action by the county legislative body. T.C.A. § 5-5-103(i).

The interim county mayor has the same powers, duties, and bond provided in Title 5, Chapter 6.

Subsection (i) does not apply if the method of filling the vacancy in the office of the county mayor is established by a metropolitan charter or a private act.

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