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On 31 January, the Riigikogu released the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Priit Pikamäe from office and appointed Villu Kõve to this position. Kõve assumed the office of Chief Justice on 4 February.

In a secret ballot, 65 members supported the proposal of President Kersti Kaljulaid to appoint the former Chairman of the Civil Chamber, Villu Kõve, as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Nobody voted against the proposal, one member remained impartial and nine abstained.

The term of office for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is nine years.

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