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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 2605/3 70 ILCS 2605/3.3 new from Ch. 42, par. 322

Amends the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act. Provides that the board of commissioners of the Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago shall: on or before July 1, 2021, divide the Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago into 9 commissioner districts and apportion the commissioner districts to reflect the results of the most recent federal decennial census; and thereafter, in the year following each federal decennial census, reapportion the commissioner districts to reflect the results of the most recent census. Provides that the commissioner districts shall be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population to each other district. Provides that one commissioner shall be elected from each commissioner district for a term of 6 years and that the commissioner shall be a resident of the commissioner district from which he or she was elected. Provides that if the corporate limits of the District expands between apportionments, the board of commissioners shall determine which commissioner district or districts the expanded territory will join until the next apportionment. Provides that the terms of all commissioners serving at the time of the 2022 general election shall continue until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in the month following the 2022 general election or until the 9 new commissioners are elected and qualified, whichever is later. Makes conforming changes.

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AN ACT concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act 5 is amended by changing Section 3 and by adding Section 3.3 as 6 follows:

7 (70 ILCS 2605/3) (from Ch. 42, par. 322)

8 Sec. 3. The corporate authority of the Sanitary District of 9 Chicago shall consist of nine trustees. Such trustees shall be 10 elected for staggered terms at the election provided by the 11 general election law. <u>Except as provided by Section 3.3, three</u> 12 Three trustees shall be elected at each such election to 13 succeed the 3 trustees whose terms expire in such year.

14 Such trustees shall take office on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in the month following the month of their 15 16 election and shall hold their offices for six years and until 17 their successors shall be elected and qualified. Except for elections of the commissioners of the Metropolitan Water 18 19 Reclamation District of Greater Chicago on and after the 2022 20 general election, in In all elections for trustees each elector 21 may vote for as many candidates as there are trustees to be 22 elected, but no elector may give to such candidates more than one vote, it being the intent and purpose of this Act to 23

prohibit cumulative voting in the selection of members of the
 board of the sanitary district.

3 The election of trustees shall be in accordance with the 4 provisions of the general election law.

5 By reason of the importance and character of the services 6 performed by the sanitary district, there is a great need and 7 it is in the public interest that such services be performed in 8 as near a non-partisan character as possible.

9 When a vacancy exists in the office of trustees of any 10 sanitary district organized under the provisions hereof, the 11 vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Governor until 12 the next regular election at which trustees of the Sanitary 13 District of Chicago are elected, and thereafter until a 14 successor shall be elected and qualified.

15 Such sanitary district shall from the time of the first 16 election held by it under this Act be construed in all courts 17 to be a body corporate and politic, and by the name and style of the sanitary district of...., and by such name and style may 18 sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with, acquire and 19 20 hold real estate and personal property necessary for corporate purposes, and adopt a common seal and alter the same at 21 22 pleasure.

The board of trustees shall have the power to change the name of the Sanitary District of Chicago by ordinance and public notice without impairing the legal status of acts theretofore performed by said district. Thereafter any and all

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references to the Sanitary District of Chicago in this Act or 1 2 otherwise shall mean and include the name under which such sanitary district is then operating. No rights, duties or 3 4 privilege of such a sanitary district, or those of any person, 5 existing before the change of name shall be affected by a 6 change, in the name of a sanitary district. All proceedings 7 pending in any court in favor of or against such sanitary district may continue to final consummation under the name in 8 9 which they were commenced.

10 (Source: P.A. 83-345.)

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(70 ILCS 2605/3.3 new)

12 <u>Sec. 3.3. Apportionment required; election.</u>

13 (a) The board of commissioners of the Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago shall: on or before July 1, 2021, 14 divide the Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago into 9 15 16 commissioner districts and apportion the commissioner districts to reflect the results of the most recent federal 17 18 decennial census; and thereafter, in the year following each decennial census, reapportion the commissioner districts to 19 20 reflect the results of the most recent census. Each 21 commissioner district shall be compact, contiguous, and 22 substantially equal in population to each other district. The 23 division of the Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago 24 into commissioner districts must be completed and formally approved by a majority of the members of the board of 25

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commissioners. At the same meeting of the board of 1 2 commissioners held on or before July 1, 2021, the board shall, 3 publicly by lot, divide the commissioner districts into 3 4 groups. In the 2022 general election, the commissioners from 5 the first group shall be elected for a term of 2 years, the commissioners from the second group shall be elected for a term 6 7 of 4 years, and the commissioners from the third group shall be elected for a term of 6 years. Thereafter, all the terms shall 8 9 be 6 years and elected pursuant to Section 3 of this Act. One 10 commissioner shall be elected from each commissioner district 11 and the commissioner shall be a resident of the commissioner 12 district from which he or she is elected.

13 (b) If the corporate limits of the District expand between 14 apportionments, the board of commissioners shall determine 15 which commissioner district or districts the expanded 16 territory will join until the next apportionment.

17 (c) The terms of all commissioners serving at the time of 18 the 2022 general election shall continue until the first 19 Tuesday after the first Monday in the month following the 2022 20 general election or until the 9 new commissioners are elected 21 and qualified under subsection (a), whichever is later.

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