



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB5467

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 200/3-5
35 ILCS 200/3-52 new

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that in counties having an appointed county assessor or county supervisor of assessments, the county may change from appointing to electing its county assessor or county supervisor of assessments after a referendum of the voters. Provides for a referendum after adoption of an ordinance by the county board or county board of commissioners or upon the filing of a petition signed by 2% of the registered voters of the county. Provides that upon approval of a referendum: (i) the county assessor or county supervisor of assessments shall be elected at the general election next following the approval of the referendum and at the general election every 4 years thereafter; and (ii) the term of any appointed county assessor or county supervisor of assessments shall end when a successor is elected and qualified. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing
5 Section 3-5 and by adding Section 3-52 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 200/3-5)

7 Sec. 3-5. Supervisor of assessments. In counties with less
8 than 3,000,000 inhabitants and in which no county assessor has
9 been elected under Section 3-45, there shall be a county
10 supervisor of assessments, either appointed as provided in this
11 Section, or elected.

12 In counties with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants and not
13 having an elected county assessor or an elected supervisor of
14 assessments, the office of supervisor of assessments shall be
15 filled by appointment by the presiding officer of the county
16 board with the advice and consent of the county board.

17 To be eligible for appointment or to be eligible to file
18 nomination papers or participate as a candidate in any primary
19 or general election for, or be elected to, the office of
20 supervisor of assessments, or to enter upon the duties of the
21 office, a person must possess one of the following
22 qualifications as certified by the individual to the county
23 clerk:

1 (1) A Certified Illinois Assessing Official
2 certificate from the Illinois Property Assessment
3 Institute, plus the additional training required for
4 additional compensation under Section 4-10.

5 (2) A Certified Assessment Evaluator certificate from
6 the International Association of Assessing Officers.

7 (3) A Member of the Appraisal Institute (MAI),
8 Residential Member (RM), Senior Real Estate Analyst
9 (SREA), Senior Real Property Analyst (SRPA) or Senior
10 Residential Analyst (SRA) certificate from the Appraisal
11 Institute or its predecessor organizations.

12 (4) If the person has served as a supervisor of
13 assessments for 12 years or more, a Certified Illinois
14 Assessing Official certificate from the Illinois Property
15 Assessment Institute with a minimum of 360 additional hours
16 of successfully completed courses approved by the
17 Department if at least 180 of the course hours required a
18 written examination.

19 In addition, a person must have had at least 2 years'
20 experience in the field of property sales, assessments, finance
21 or appraisals and must have passed an examination conducted by
22 the Department to determine his or her competence to hold the
23 office. The examination may be conducted by the Department at a
24 convenient location in the county or region. Notice of the time
25 and place shall be given by publication in a newspaper of
26 general circulation in the counties, at least one week prior to

1 the exam. The Department shall certify to the county board a
2 list of the names and scores of persons who pass the
3 examination. The Department may provide by rule the maximum
4 time that the name of a person who has passed the examination
5 will be included on a list of persons eligible for appointment
6 or election. The term of office shall be 4 years from the date
7 of appointment and until a successor is appointed and
8 qualified, or a successor is elected and qualified under
9 Section 3-52 of this Code.

10 (Source: P.A. 92-667, eff. 7-16-02.)

11 (35 ILCS 200/3-52 new)

12 Sec. 3-52. Election of appointed county assessors or county
13 supervisor of assessments.

14 (a) In counties having an appointed county assessor or
15 county supervisor of assessments, the county may change to
16 electing its county assessor or county supervisor of
17 assessments upon:

18 (1) adoption of an ordinance by the county board or
19 county board of commissioners requiring the county
20 assessor or county supervisor of assessments to be elected;
21 or

22 (2) the filing of a petition with the county board or
23 county board of commissioners, subject to the petition
24 requirements of Section 28-3 of the Election Code and
25 signed by 2% of the registered voters of the county,

1 requiring the county assessor or county supervisor of
2 assessments to be elected.

3 (b) If an ordinance is adopted, or a petition filed,
4 meeting the requirements of subsection (a), the county clerk
5 shall certify the proposition to the appropriate election
6 authorities, who shall submit a referendum, subject to the
7 requirements of 16-7 of the Election Code, to be placed on the
8 ballot at the next following general election in substantially
9 the following form:

10 Shall the [county assessor or county supervisor of
11 assessments, as applicable] be elected rather than
12 appointed?

13 The votes shall be recorded as "Yes" or "No". The referendum is
14 approved when a majority of votes cast on the referendum
15 approve the referendum.

16 (c) After the approval of a referendum under subsection
17 (b):

18 (1) the county assessor or county supervisor of
19 assessments shall be elected at the general election next
20 following the approval of the referendum and at the general
21 election every 4 years thereafter and shall serve until a
22 successor is elected and qualified; and

23 (2) the term of any appointed county assessor or county
24 supervisor of assessments shall end when a successor is
25 elected and qualified.

26 If the term of an appointed county assessor or county

1 supervisor of assessments ends before his or her successor is
2 elected and qualified, the presiding officer of the county
3 board or county supervisor of assessments, with the advice and
4 consent of the county board or county supervisor of
5 assessments, shall appoint a trustee to serve as the county
6 assessor or county supervisor of assessments under a successor
7 is elected and qualified.

8 (d) If a vacancy in the office of the county supervisor or
9 county supervisor of assessments occurs, whether by death,
10 resignation, refusal to qualify, or for any other reason, the
11 presiding officer of the county board or board of county
12 commissioners, with the advice and consent of the county board
13 or board of county commissioners, shall fill the vacancy by
14 appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term of the
15 county assessor or county supervisor of assessment.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
17 becoming law.