

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 Election Code is amended by changing Section  
5 2A-1.2 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 2A-1.2)

7 Sec. 2A-1.2. Consolidated Schedule of Elections - Offices  
8 Designated.

9 (a) At the general election in the appropriate  
10 even-numbered years, the following offices shall be filled or  
11 shall be on the ballot as otherwise required by this Code:

12 (1) Elector of President and Vice President of the  
13 United States;

14 (2) United States Senator and United States  
15 Representative;

16 (3) State Executive Branch elected officers;

17 (4) State Senator and State Representative;

18 (5) County elected officers, including State's  
19 Attorney, County Board member, County Commissioners, and  
20 elected President or elected Chairman of the County Board  
21 or County Chief Executive;

22 (6) Circuit Court Clerk;

23 (7) Regional Superintendent of Schools, except in

1 counties or educational service regions in which that  
2 office has been abolished;

3 (8) Judges of the Supreme, Appellate and Circuit  
4 Courts, on the question of retention, to fill vacancies and  
5 newly created judicial offices;

6 (9) (Blank);

7 (10) Trustee of the Metropolitan Sanitary District of  
8 Chicago, and elected Trustee of other Sanitary Districts;

9 (11) Special District elected officers, not otherwise  
10 designated in this Section, where the statute creating or  
11 authorizing the creation of the district requires an annual  
12 election and permits or requires election of candidates of  
13 political parties.

14 (b) At the general primary election:

15 (1) in each even-numbered year candidates of political  
16 parties shall be nominated for those offices to be filled  
17 at the general election in that year, except where pursuant  
18 to law nomination of candidates of political parties is  
19 made by caucus.

20 (2) in the appropriate even-numbered years the  
21 political party offices of State central committeeman,  
22 township committeeman, ward committeeman, and precinct  
23 committeeman shall be filled and delegates and alternate  
24 delegates to the National nominating conventions shall be  
25 elected as may be required pursuant to this Code. In the  
26 even-numbered years in which a Presidential election is to

1 be held, candidates in the Presidential preference primary  
2 shall also be on the ballot.

3 (3) in each even-numbered year, where the municipality  
4 has provided for annual elections to elect municipal  
5 officers pursuant to Section 6(f) or Section 7 of Article  
6 VII of the Constitution, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal  
7 Code or pursuant to the municipal charter, the offices of  
8 such municipal officers shall be filled at an election held  
9 on the date of the general primary election, provided that  
10 the municipal election shall be a nonpartisan election  
11 where required by the Illinois Municipal Code. For partisan  
12 municipal elections in even-numbered years, a primary to  
13 nominate candidates for municipal office to be elected at  
14 the general primary election shall be held on the Tuesday 6  
15 weeks preceding that election.

16 (4) in each school district which has adopted the  
17 provisions of Article 33 of the School Code, successors to  
18 the members of the board of education whose terms expire in  
19 the year in which the general primary is held shall be  
20 elected.

21 (c) At the consolidated election in the appropriate  
22 odd-numbered years, the following offices shall be filled:

23 (1) Municipal officers, provided that in  
24 municipalities in which candidates for alderman or other  
25 municipal office are not permitted by law to be candidates  
26 of political parties, the runoff election where required by

1 law, or the nonpartisan election where required by law,  
2 shall be held on the date of the consolidated election; and  
3 provided further, in the case of municipal officers  
4 provided for by an ordinance providing the form of  
5 government of the municipality pursuant to Section 7 of  
6 Article VII of the Constitution, such offices shall be  
7 filled by election or by runoff election as may be provided  
8 by such ordinance;

9 (2) Village and incorporated town library directors;

10 (3) City boards of stadium commissioners;

11 (4) Commissioners of park districts;

12 (5) Trustees of public library districts;

13 (6) Special District elected officers, not otherwise  
14 designated in this section, where the statute creating or  
15 authorizing the creation of the district permits or  
16 requires election of candidates of political parties;

17 (7) Township officers, including township park  
18 commissioners, township library directors, and boards of  
19 managers of community buildings, and Multi-Township  
20 Assessors;

21 (8) Highway commissioners and road district clerks;

22 (9) Members of school boards in school districts which  
23 adopt Article 33 of the School Code;

24 (10) The directors and chairman of the Chain O Lakes -  
25 Fox River Waterway Management Agency;

26 (11) Forest preserve district commissioners elected

1 under Section 3.5 of the Downstate Forest Preserve District  
2 Act;

3 (12) Elected members of school boards, school  
4 trustees, directors of boards of school directors,  
5 trustees of county boards of school trustees (except in  
6 counties or educational service regions having a  
7 population of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants) and members of  
8 boards of school inspectors, except school boards in school  
9 districts that adopt Article 33 of the School Code;

10 (13) Members of Community College district boards;

11 (14) Trustees of Fire Protection Districts;

12 (15) Commissioners of the Springfield Metropolitan  
13 Exposition and Auditorium Authority;

14 (16) Elected Trustees of Tuberculosis Sanitarium  
15 Districts;

16 (17) Elected Officers of special districts not  
17 otherwise designated in this Section for which the law  
18 governing those districts does not permit candidates of  
19 political parties.

20 (d) At the consolidated primary election in each  
21 odd-numbered year, candidates of political parties shall be  
22 nominated for those offices to be filled at the consolidated  
23 election in that year, except where pursuant to law nomination  
24 of candidates of political parties is made by caucus, and  
25 except those offices listed in paragraphs (12) through (17) of  
26 subsection (c).

1           At the consolidated primary election in the appropriate  
2 odd-numbered years, the mayor, clerk, treasurer, and aldermen  
3 shall be elected in municipalities in which candidates for  
4 mayor, clerk, treasurer, or alderman are not permitted by law  
5 to be candidates of political parties, subject to runoff  
6 elections to be held at the consolidated election as may be  
7 required by law, and municipal officers shall be nominated in a  
8 nonpartisan election in municipalities in which pursuant to law  
9 candidates for such office are not permitted to be candidates  
10 of political parties.

11           At the consolidated primary election in the appropriate  
12 odd-numbered years, municipal officers shall be nominated or  
13 elected, or elected subject to a runoff, as may be provided by  
14 an ordinance providing a form of government of the municipality  
15 pursuant to Section 7 of Article VII of the Constitution.

16           (e) (Blank).

17           (f) At any election established in Section 2A-1.1, public  
18 questions may be submitted to voters pursuant to this Code and  
19 any special election otherwise required or authorized by law or  
20 by court order may be conducted pursuant to this Code.

21           Notwithstanding the regular dates for election of officers  
22 established in this Article, whenever a referendum is held for  
23 the establishment of a political subdivision whose officers are  
24 to be elected, the initial officers shall be elected at the  
25 election at which such referendum is held if otherwise so  
26 provided by law. In such cases, the election of the initial

1 officers shall be subject to the referendum.

2 Notwithstanding the regular dates for election of  
3 officials established in this Article, any community college  
4 district which becomes effective by operation of law pursuant  
5 to Section 6-6.1 of the Public Community College Act, as now or  
6 hereafter amended, shall elect the initial district board  
7 members at the next regularly scheduled election following the  
8 effective date of the new district.

9 (g) At any election established in Section 2A-1.1, if in  
10 any precinct there are no offices or public questions required  
11 to be on the ballot under this Code then no election shall be  
12 held in the precinct on that date.

13 (h) There may be conducted a referendum in accordance with  
14 the provisions of Division 6-4 of the Counties Code.

15 (Source: P.A. 89-5, eff. 1-1-96; 89-95, eff. 1-1-96; 89-626,  
16 eff. 8-9-96; 90-358, eff. 1-1-98.)

17 Section 10. The Counties Code is amended by changing  
18 Section 2-3007 and 2-3009 as follows:

19 (55 ILCS 5/2-3007) (from Ch. 34, par. 2-3007)

20 Sec. 2-3007. Chairman of county board; election and term.  
21 Any county board when providing for the reapportionment of its  
22 county under this Division may provide that the chairman of the  
23 county board shall be elected by the voters of the county  
24 rather than by the members of the board, except that the Lake

1 County board shall provide for the selection of the chairman as  
2 provided under subsection (c) of Section 2-3009 of this  
3 Division. In that event, provision shall be made for the  
4 election throughout the county of the chairman of the county  
5 board, but in counties over 3,000,000 population no person may  
6 be elected to serve as such chairman who has not been elected  
7 as a county board member to serve during the same period as the  
8 term of office as chairman of the county board to which he or  
9 she seeks election. In counties over 300,000 population and  
10 under 3,000,000 population, the chairman shall be elected as  
11 chairman without having been first elected to the county board.  
12 Such chairman shall not vote on any question except to break a  
13 tie vote. In all other counties the chairman may either be  
14 elected as a county board member or elected as the chairman  
15 without having been first elected to the board. Except in  
16 counties where the chairman of the county board is elected by  
17 the voters of the county and is not required to be a county  
18 board member, whether the chairman of the county board is  
19 elected by the voters of the county or by the members of the  
20 board, he or she shall be elected to a 2 year term. In counties  
21 where the chairman of the county board is elected by the voters  
22 of the county and is not required to be a county board member,  
23 the chairman shall be elected to a 4 year term. In all cases:  
24 (i) the term of the chairman of the county board shall commence  
25 on the first Monday of the month following the month in which  
26 members of the county board are elected, and (ii) no person may



1 simultaneously serve as a member of a county board and the  
2 chairman of the same board if the office of chairman is elected  
3 by the voters of the county rather than by the members of the  
4 board.

5 (Source: P.A. 99-924, eff. 1-20-17.)

6 (55 ILCS 5/2-3009) (from Ch. 34, par. 2-3009)

7 Sec. 2-3009. Terms of board members; vacancies; elections.

8 (a) County board member elections by county board  
9 districts. In those counties subject to this Division which  
10 elect county board members by county board districts the  
11 members shall, no later than 45 days after December 15, 1982,  
12 and thereafter no later than September 1 of the year of the  
13 next general election following reapportionment, divide the  
14 county board districts publicly by lot as equally as possible  
15 into 2 groups. Board members or their successors from one group  
16 shall be elected for successive terms of 2 years, 4 years and 4  
17 years; and members or their successors from the second group  
18 shall be elected for successive terms of 4 years, 4 years, and  
19 2 years. A county under this subsection may, by ordinance,  
20 decide to divide the county board districts into 3 rather than  
21 2 groups. If a county adopts an ordinance to this effect, the  
22 members of the county board shall divide the county board  
23 districts publicly by lot as equally as possible into 3 groups  
24 no later than September 1 of the year of the next general  
25 election following reapportionment. Board members or their

1 successors from one group shall be elected for successive terms  
2 of 2 years, 4 years, and 4 years; members or their successors  
3 from the second group shall be elected for successive terms of  
4 4 years, 2 years, and 4 years; and members or their successors  
5 from the third group shall be elected for successive terms of 4  
6 years, 4 years, and 2 years. All terms shall commence on the  
7 first Monday of the month following the month of election.

8 (b) County board member elections at large. In those  
9 counties which elect county board members at large, under  
10 Sections 2-3002 and 2-3006, the members elected in the general  
11 election following reapportionment shall, no later than 45 days  
12 after taking office, divide themselves publicly by lot as  
13 equally as possible into 2 groups. Board members or their  
14 successors from one group shall be elected for successive terms  
15 of 2 years, 4 years and 4 years; and members or their  
16 successors from the second group shall be elected for  
17 successive terms of 4 years, 4 years and 2 years. A county  
18 under this subsection may, by ordinance, decide to divide the  
19 county board members into 3 rather than 2 groups. If a county  
20 adopts an ordinance to this effect, the members of the county  
21 board elected in the general election following  
22 reapportionment shall, no later than 45 days after taking  
23 office, divide themselves publicly by lot as equally as  
24 possible into 3 groups. Board members or their successors from  
25 one group shall be elected for successive terms of 2 years, 4  
26 years, and 4 years; members and their successors from the

1 second group shall be elected for successive terms of 4 years,  
2 2 years, and 4 years; and members or their successors from the  
3 third group shall be elected for successive terms of 4 years, 4  
4 years, and 2 years. All terms shall commence on the first  
5 Monday of the month following the month of election.

6 (c) Vacancies; time for elections. In counties under  
7 subsection (a) or (b), if a vacancy occurs in the office of  
8 chairman of the county board, the remaining members of the  
9 board shall elect one of the members of the board to serve for  
10 the balance of the unexpired term of the chairman.

11 In counties under subsection (a) or (b), the time for the  
12 election of county board members and, if applicable, the county  
13 board chairman shall be as provided by the general election law  
14 ~~for the election of such members.~~

15 For the 2018 election, a public question shall be submitted  
16 to the voters of Lake County to determine whether the chairman  
17 of the Lake County board shall be elected by the voters. If the  
18 public question is approved by the voters of Lake County, then,  
19 for the 2020 election and thereafter, the chairman of the Lake  
20 County board shall be elected by the voters of the county. An  
21 individual seeking election as chairman of the Lake County  
22 board may also seek election as a county board member.

23 (Source: P.A. 86-962; 87-924.)

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
25 becoming law.