

1 AN ACT regarding schools.

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

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing
5 Section 8-1 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/8-1) (from Ch. 122, par. 8-1)

7 Sec. 8-1. Treasurers.

8 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (b) and
9 (c), in a township with more than 2 schools in a Class II
10 county school unit, ~~units~~ the trustees of schools shall
11 appoint a treasurer who shall be ex-officio clerk of the
12 board. The term of the township treasurer shall be for a
13 2-year ~~2--year~~ period beginning and ending on the first of
14 July. The treasurer shall be a resident of the township, but
15 not a trustee, or school board member. He shall attend all
16 meetings and keep a record of the official proceedings of the
17 trustees of schools. Such record shall be open to public
18 inspection. All proceedings, when recorded, shall be signed
19 by the president and the clerk. If the clerk is absent, or
20 refuses to perform any of his duties, a clerk pro tempore may
21 be appointed. For sufficient cause the treasurer may be
22 removed from office by the trustees of schools. In case of a
23 vacancy the trustees of schools shall elect a treasurer for
24 the unexpired term.

25 (b) In Class I county school units, in a township with 2
26 or fewer schools in a Class II county school unit, and in
27 each school district which forms a part of a Class II county
28 school unit but which has withdrawn from the jurisdiction and
29 authority of the trustees of schools of the township in which
30 such school district is located and from the jurisdiction and
31 authority of the township treasurer in such Class II county

1 school unit as provided in subsection (b) of Section 5-1, the
2 each school board shall either elect one of its members to
3 serve as treasurer without salary for a period of one year or
4 appoint someone, not a member of the school board, as its
5 treasurer, and, except as provided in this Section the board
6 shall fix his compensation. An appointed treasurer shall
7 serve at the pleasure of the board. An appointed treasurer
8 shall be at least 21 years of age, of approved integrity, but
9 not a member of the county board of school trustees. The
10 records of the treasurer shall be open to public inspection.
11 Two or more such districts may appoint the same treasurer. In
12 case of a vacancy caused by the death, resignation or the
13 removal from office of the school treasurer the school board
14 shall appoint a treasurer. The school board may determine
15 the temporary incapacity of its treasurer occasioned by
16 illness, absence from the district or any other cause which
17 prevents the prompt performance of his duties and appoint an
18 acting treasurer to serve until the board determines such
19 temporary incapacity no longer exists.

20 (c) The school board of each elementary school, high
21 school and unit school district that forms a part of a Class
22 II county school unit and that was under the jurisdiction and
23 authority of the township treasurer and trustees of schools
24 of a township at the time those offices were abolished in
25 that township as provided in subsection (c) of Section 5-1
26 shall appoint a person to serve as treasurer of the school
27 board. The term of each school treasurer appointed under
28 this subsection shall be for a 2 year period beginning and
29 ending on the first day of July. A person appointed under
30 this subsection to serve as treasurer of a school board shall
31 not be either a member of the school board or the
32 superintendent of schools of the school district. A person
33 appointed and serving under this subsection as treasurer of a
34 school board may concurrently serve as the treasurer of the

1 regional board of school trustees, if selected to serve in
2 that capacity by the regional board of school trustees, as
3 provided in subsection (c) of Section 5-1. The school board
4 shall fix the compensation of its school treasurer, and for
5 sufficient cause may remove the school treasurer from office.
6 In the case of a vacancy, the school board shall appoint a
7 school treasurer for the unexpired term. The school board
8 may determine the temporary incapacity of its treasurer due
9 to illness, absence from the district, or other cause that
10 prevents the prompt performance of his duties and may appoint
11 an acting treasurer to serve until the school board
12 determines that the temporary incapacity of its treasurer no
13 longer exists.

14 (d) After October 1, 1977, each treasurer in a Class I
15 county school unit appointed under this Section for his first
16 term shall have a financial background or related experience
17 or 12 semester hours of credit of college level accounting.

18 (e) After August 14, 1989, any treasurer appointed under
19 this Section for his first term in Class II county school
20 units, including any person appointed by a school board to
21 serve as its treasurer as provided in subsection (c) of this
22 Section, shall be a certified public accountant or a
23 certified chief school business official as defined in part
24 (3) of Section 21-7.3 of this Act. Experience as a township
25 treasurer in a Class II county school unit prior to July 1,
26 1989 shall be deemed the equivalent of certification.

27 (f) Concurrently with the election or appointment of its
28 own school treasurer by the school board of a school district
29 which forms a part of a Class II county school unit but which
30 no longer is subject to the jurisdiction and authority of a
31 township treasurer or trustees of schools of a township
32 because the district has withdrawn from the jurisdiction and
33 authority of the township treasurer and trustees of schools
34 of the township or because those offices have been abolished

1 as provided in subsection (b) or (c) of Section 5-1, all
2 funds, accounts, moneys, notes, bonds, mortgages and effects
3 then held by such township treasurer on behalf or for the use
4 and benefit of, or then credited by such township treasurer
5 to any fund or account of such school district shall
6 thereupon be transferred and paid over by such township
7 treasurer to the school treasurer elected or appointed by the
8 school board of such school district. In addition the school
9 treasurer of such school district shall have the right, at
10 all reasonable times, to inspect all cash books, loan books,
11 district account books and journals kept by such township
12 treasurer as provided in Section 8-5 and to copy or otherwise
13 reproduce such portions thereof as such school treasurer
14 deems necessary for the performance of his duties.

15 (g) Upon the abolition of the offices of the township
16 treasurer and trustee of schools of a township as provided in
17 subsection (c) of Section 5-1, and subject to the limitation
18 of subsection (b) of Section 8-5 with respect to certain
19 records to be surrendered to the regional board of school
20 trustees, and except as otherwise provided in subsection (c)
21 of Section 5-1 with respect to the common school lands and
22 township loanable funds of that township and with respect to
23 the records, books and accounts relating to those common
24 school lands and township loanable funds, all school funds
25 and accounts, moneys, notes, bonds, securities, district
26 account books and other documents, records and effects then
27 held by the former township treasurer on behalf or for the
28 use and benefit of, or then credited by the former township
29 treasurer to any fund or account of any school district that
30 was under the jurisdiction and authority of the township
31 treasurer at the time the office of that township treasurer
32 was abolished shall thereupon be transferred and paid over by
33 the former township treasurer to the appropriate school
34 treasurer appointed by the school board of each such district

1 under subsection (c) of this Section 8-1.

2 (h) If the school district of a school treasurer elected
3 or appointed under this Section is receiving emergency State
4 financial assistance under Article 1B, that school treasurer
5 is subject to the provisions of Article 1B.

6 (Source: P.A. 89-618, eff. 8-9-96.)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
8 July 1, 2003.