



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB0679

Introduced 1/31/2005, by Rep. Patricia R. Bellock

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 80/5

from Ch. 23, par. 1805

Amends the Children's Advocacy Center Act. Provides that a tax referendum may be submitted to county electors to operate and maintain a Children's Advocacy Center that is already established in that county. Provides that other referenda may be for the purpose of operating (as well as establishing and maintaining) a Children's Advocacy Center.

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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 Children's Advocacy Center Act is amended by
5 changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 80/5) (from Ch. 23, par. 1805)

7 Sec. 5. Referendum.

8 (a) Whenever a petition signed by 1% of the electors who
9 voted in the last general election in any county is presented
10 to the county board requesting the submission of the
11 proposition whether an annual tax of not to exceed .004% of the
12 value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue,
13 of all taxable property in the county shall be levied for the
14 purpose of establishing, operating, and maintaining, or
15 operating and maintaining, a Children's Advocacy Center, the
16 county board shall adopt a resolution for the submission of the
17 proposition to the electors at the next regular election held
18 in the county in accordance with the general election law.

19 (b) Upon the adoption and certification of the resolution,
20 the proposition shall be submitted at the next regular election
21 held in the county. The proposition shall be in substantially
22 the following form:

23 "Shall an annual tax of not more than per
24 cent be levied on the value of all taxable property in
25 County (this tax will amount to an annual
26 increase of approximately on a home with a market
27 value of \$100,000) for the purpose of establishing,
28 operating, and maintaining (or, operating and
29 maintaining) a Children's Advocacy Center to
30 coordinate the investigation, prosecution, and
31 treatment referral of child sexual abuse in
32 County? ".

1 The election authority must record the votes as "Yes" or
2 "No".

3 (c) If a majority of the electors of the county voting on
4 the proposition vote in favor thereof, the proposition shall be
5 deemed adopted.

6 (d) The adoption of a referendum is not required to
7 establish a Children's Advocacy Center if the Center may be or
8 is operated with funds other than the proceeds of the annual
9 tax that is authorized by referendum.

10 (e) A referendum as provided in this Section may be
11 submitted to the electors of a county in which a Children's
12 Advocacy Center is already established to allow for an annual
13 tax for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Center.
14 Upon the adoption of the referendum for this purpose, the
15 proceeds of the tax shall be collected and distributed as
16 provided in Section 6 of this Act and the Children's Advocacy
17 Center Fund may be used by the county board for the continued
18 operations and maintenance of any already established
19 Children's Advocacy Center.

20 (Source: P.A. 92-785, eff. 8-6-02; 93-203, eff. 7-14-03.)