

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 HB5505

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## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

60 ILCS 1/30-10 60 ILCS 1/35-5 60 ILCS 1/35-10

60 ILCS 1/35-15

Amends the Township Code. Requires the township board to adopt an annual meeting agenda at least 10 days before the meeting. Provides a procedure for voters to add an agenda item. Items not on the agenda must be considered at a special meeting. In the statement of a special meeting, only objects relevant to powers granted to electors may be set forth. Limits special meetings to the business embraced in the statement and notice. Sets quorum requirements for special meetings. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

- Section 5. The Township Code is amended by changing Sections 30-10, 35-5, 35-10, and 35-15 as follows:
- 6 (60 ILCS 1/30-10)

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- 7 Sec. 30-10. Notice of meeting; agenda.
- (a) Notice of the time and place of holding the annual and 8 9 any special township meetings and the agenda approved by the township board at their prior meeting shall be given by the 10 township clerk (or, in the clerk's absence, the supervisor, 11 assessor, or collector) by posting written or printed notices 12 in 3 of the most public places in the township at least 10 days 13 14 before the meeting and, if there is an English language newspaper published in the township, by at 15 least one publication in that newspaper before the meeting. The notice 16 17 shall set forth the agenda for the meeting as approved by the township board. Additional agenda items may be added only by a 18 19 three-fifths majority vote of the electors in attendance at the 20 meeting.
  - (b) Agenda. Not less than 10 days before the annual meeting, the township board shall adopt an agenda for the annual meeting. Any 15 or more registered voters in the

- 1 township may request an agenda item for consideration by the
- 2 <u>electors at the annual meeting by giving written notice of a</u>
- 3 specific request to the township clerk no later than March 1
- 4 prior to the annual meeting. The agenda published by the
- 5 township board shall include any such request made by voters if
- 6 the request is relevant to powers granted to electors under the
- 7 Township Code.
- 8 (c) Additional agenda items. Any matter or proposal not set
- 9 forth in the published agenda shall not be considered at the
- 10 <u>annual meeting other than advising that the matter may be</u>
- 11 <u>considered at a special meeting of the electors at a later</u>
- 12 date.
- 13 (Source: P.A. 90-210, eff. 7-25-97.)
- 14 (60 ILCS 1/35-5)
- 15 Sec. 35-5. Special township meeting. Special township
- meetings shall be held when the township board (or at least 15
- 17 voters of the township) file in the office of the township
- 18 clerk a written statement that a special meeting is necessary
- 19 for the interests of the township. The statement also shall set
- forth the objects of the meeting, which must be relevant to
- 21 powers granted to electors under this Code. The special
- township meeting shall be held no less than 14 nor more than 45
- 23 days after the written request is filed in the office of the
- 24 township clerk. Special township meetings may not begin before
- 25 6 p.m.

- 1 (Source: P.A. 88-62; incorporates 88-360; 88-670, eff.
- 2 12-2-94.)
- 3 (60 ILCS 1/35-10)
- 4 Sec. 35-10. Notice of special meeting; business at meeting.
- 5 (a) Notice of a special township meeting shall be given in
- 6 the same manner and for the same length of time as for regular
- 7 township meetings.
- 8 (b) The notice shall set forth the object of the meeting as
- 9 contained in the statement filed with the township clerk, which
- 10 must be relevant to powers granted to electors under this Code.
- 11 No business shall be done at a special meeting except the
- 12 <u>business that is embraced in the statement and notice.</u> The
- 13 notice shall set forth the object of the meeting as contained
- in the statement filed with the township clerk, and no business
- shall be done at a special meeting except the business that is
- 16 embraced in the statement and notice.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 82-783; 88-62.)
- 18 (60 ILCS 1/35-15)
- 19 Sec. 35-15. Quorum and powers of electors at special
- 20 <u>meeting</u> Powers of electors at special meeting. No special
- 21 township meeting shall be convened unless 15 or more electors
- 22 <u>are present at the meeting.</u> The electors at special township
- 23 meetings when convened have the powers enumerated in this
- 24 Article. An elector is a person registered to vote within the

- 1 township no less than 28 days before the date of the special
- 2 meeting. If a special township meeting is not conveyed because
- of an absence of 15 or more electors, that special township
- 4 meeting shall not be re-convened unless all procedures for a
- 5 special township meeting are again completed.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 88-62; 89-331, eff. 8-17-95.)
- 7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 8 becoming law.