

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 Public Water District Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 4 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 3705/4) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 191)

7 Sec. 4. A board of trustees consisting of 7 members for the  
8 government, control and management of the affairs of the  
9 business of each such water district organized under this Act  
10 shall be created in the following manner:

11 (1) If the district lies wholly within a single township  
12 but does not also lie wholly within a municipality, the board  
13 of trustees of that township shall appoint the trustees for the  
14 district but no voting member of the township board is eligible  
15 for such appointment;

16 (2) If the district is wholly contained within a  
17 municipality, the governing body of the municipality shall  
18 appoint the trustees for the district;

19 (3) If the district is wholly contained within a single  
20 county, the trustees for the district shall be appointed by the  
21 presiding officer of the county board with the advice and  
22 consent of the county board;

23 (4) If the district is located in more than one county, the

1 number of trustees who are residents of a county shall be in  
2 proportion, as nearly as practicable, to the number of  
3 residents of the district who reside in that county in relation  
4 to the total population of the district. Trustees shall be  
5 appointed by the county board of their respective counties, or  
6 in the case of a home rule county as defined by Article VII,  
7 Section 6 of the Constitution of 1970, by the chief executive  
8 officer of that county with the advice and consent of the  
9 county board.

10 Upon the expiration of the term of a trustee who is in  
11 office on the effective date of this Amendatory Act of 1975,  
12 the successor shall be a resident of whichever county is  
13 entitled to such representation in order to bring about the  
14 proportional representation required herein, and he shall be  
15 appointed by the appointing authority of that county.

16 Thereafter, each trustee shall be succeeded by a resident  
17 of the same county who shall be appointed by the same  
18 appointing authority; however, the provisions of the preceding  
19 paragraph shall apply to the appointment of the successor to  
20 each trustee who is in office at the time of the publication of  
21 each decennial Federal census of population.

22 Within 60 days after the adoption of this Act as provided  
23 in Section 2 hereof, the appropriate appointing authority shall  
24 appoint 7 trustees who shall hold that office respectively one  
25 for one, one for 2, one for 3, 2 for 4 and 2 for 5 years from  
26 the first Monday of May next after their appointment as

1 designated by the appointing authority at the time of  
2 appointment and until their successors are appointed and have  
3 qualified. Thereafter on or after the first Monday in May of  
4 each year the appointing authority shall appoint successors  
5 whose term shall be for 5 years commencing the first Monday in  
6 May of the year they are respectively appointed. If the circuit  
7 court finds that the size, number of members, and scale of  
8 operations of the water district justifies a Board of Trustees  
9 of less than 7 members he shall rule that such board shall have  
10 3 or 5 members. Initial appointments to a 3 member board shall  
11 be as follows: one for one, one for 2, and one for 3 years.  
12 Initial appointments to a 5 member board shall be as follows:  
13 one for one, one for 2, one for 3, one for 4 and one for 5  
14 years. In each such case the term of office and method of  
15 appointing successors shall be as provided in this Section for  
16 7 member boards. The appointing authority shall require each of  
17 such trustees to enter a bond with security to be approved by  
18 the appointing authority in such sum as such appointing  
19 authority may determine. A majority of the Board of Trustees  
20 shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn  
21 from day to day. No trustee or employee of such district shall  
22 be directly or indirectly interested in any contract, work or  
23 business of the district or the sale of any article, the  
24 expense, price or consideration of which is paid by such  
25 district, nor in the purchase of any real estate or property  
26 for or belonging to the district.

1           Whenever a vacancy in such board of trustees shall occur  
2 either from death, resignation, refusal to qualify or for any  
3 other reason the appointing authority shall have power to fill  
4 such vacancy by appointment. Such persons so appointed or  
5 qualified for office in the manner hereinbefore stated shall  
6 thereupon assume the duties of the office for the unexpired  
7 term for which such person was appointed.

8           For terms commencing before the effective date of this  
9 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, the ~~The~~ trustees  
10 appointed under this Act shall be paid a sum of not to exceed  
11 \$600 per annum for their respective duties as trustees, except  
12 that trustees of a district with an annual operating budget of  
13 \$1,000,000 or more may be paid a sum not to exceed \$1,000 per  
14 annum. For terms commencing on or after the effective date of  
15 this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, the trustees  
16 shall be paid a sum of not to exceed \$1,200 per annum. However,  
17 trustees appointed under this Act for any public water district  
18 which acquires by purchase or condemnation, or constructs, and  
19 maintains and operates sewerage properties in combination with  
20 its waterworks properties, under the provisions of Section 23a  
21 of this Act, shall be paid a sum of not to exceed \$2,000 per  
22 annum for their respective duties as trustees. Compensation in  
23 either case shall be determined by resolution of the respective  
24 boards of trustees, to be adopted annually at their first  
25 meeting in May.

26           Any public water district organized under this Act with a

1 board of trustees consisting of 7 members may have the size of  
2 its board reduced as provided in Section 4.1.

3 (Source: P.A. 91-333, eff. 1-1-00.)