

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 Illinois Library System Act is amended by
5 changing Section 8.1 as follows:

6 (75 ILCS 10/8.1) (from Ch. 81, par. 118.1)

7 Sec. 8.1. The State Librarian shall make grants annually
8 under this Section to all qualified public libraries in the
9 State from funds appropriated by the General Assembly. Such
10 grants shall be in the amount of up to \$1.25 per capita for the
11 population of the area served by the respective public library
12 and, in addition, the amount of up to \$0.19 per capita to
13 libraries serving populations over 500,000 under the Illinois
14 Major Urban Library Program. If the moneys appropriated for
15 grants under this Section are not sufficient the State
16 Librarian shall reduce the per capita amount of the grants so
17 that the qualifying public libraries receive the same amount
18 per capita.

19 To be eligible for grants under this Section, a public
20 library must:

21 (1) Provide, as determined by the State Librarian,
22 library services which either meet or show progress toward
23 meeting the Illinois library standards, as most recently

1 adopted by the Illinois Library Association.

2 (2) Be a public library for which is levied a tax for
3 library purposes at a rate not less than .13% or a county
4 library for which is levied a tax for library purposes at a
5 rate not less than .07%. If a library is subject to the
6 Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax
7 Code and its tax levy for library purposes has been lowered
8 to a rate of less than .13%, this requirement will be
9 waived if the library qualified for this grant in the
10 previous year and if the tax levied for library purposes in
11 the current year produces tax revenue for library purposes
12 that is an increase over the previous year's extension of
13 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index,
14 whichever is less. Beginning in State Fiscal Year 2012 and
15 continuing through and including State Fiscal Year 2015,
16 the eligibility requirement in this subsection shall be
17 waived if a library's tax levy for library purposes has
18 been lowered to a rate of less than 0.13%, and the State
19 Librarian determines that the library (i) continues to meet
20 the requirements of item (1) of this Section and (ii)
21 received a grant under this Section in the previous fiscal
22 year.

23 Any other language in this Section to the contrary
24 notwithstanding, grants under this Section 8.1 shall be made
25 only upon application of the public library concerned, which
26 applications shall be entirely voluntary and within the sole

1 discretion of the public library concerned.

2 In order to be eligible for a grant under this Section, the
3 corporate authorities, in lieu of a tax levy at a particular
4 rate, may provide funds from other sources, an amount
5 equivalent to the amount to be produced by that levy.

6 (Source: P.A. 93-527, eff. 8-14-03.)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.