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Introduced 2/18/2011, by Rep. Tom Cross - Randy Ramey, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

60 ILCS 1/30-50

Amends the Township Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the purchase and use of property.

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AN ACT concerning local government.

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

Section 5. The Township Code is amended by changing Section
30-50 as follows:

6 (60 ILCS 1/30-50)

7 Sec. 30-50. Purchase and use of property.

8 (a) The The electors may make all orders for the purchase, 9 sale, conveyance, regulation, or use of the township's corporate property (including the direct sale or lease of 10 single township road district property) that may be deemed 11 conducive to the interests of its inhabitants, including the 12 lease, for up to 10 years, or for up to 25 years if the lease is 13 14 for a wireless telecommunications tower, at fair market value, of corporate property for which no use or need during the lease 15 16 period is anticipated at the time of leasing. The property may 17 be leased to another governmental body, however, or to a not-for-profit corporation that has contracted to construct or 18 19 fund the construction of a structure or improvement upon the 20 real estate owned by the township and that has contracted with 21 the township to allow the township to use at least a portion of 22 the structure or improvement to be constructed upon the real estate leased and not otherwise used by the township, for any 23

term not exceeding 50 years and for any consideration. In the 1 2 case of a not-for-profit corporation, the township shall hold a 3 public hearing on the proposed lease. The township clerk shall give notice of the hearing by publication in a newspaper 4 5 published in the township, or in a newspaper published in the 6 county and having general circulation in the township if no 7 newspaper is published in the township, and by posting notices in at least 5 public places at least 10 days before the public 8 9 hearing.

10 (b) If a new tax is to be levied or an existing tax rate is 11 to be increased above the statutory limits for the purchase of 12 the property, however, no action otherwise authorized in 13 subsection (a) shall be taken unless a petition signed by at 14 least 10% of the registered voters residing in the township is 15 presented to the township clerk. If a petition is presented to 16 the township clerk, the clerk shall order a referendum on the 17 proposition. The referendum shall be held at the next annual or special township meeting or at an election in accordance with 18 the general election law. If the referendum is ordered to be 19 20 held at the township meeting, the township clerk shall give notice that at the next annual or special township meeting the 21 22 proposition shall be voted upon. The notice shall set forth the 23 proposition and shall be given by publication in a newspaper published in the township. If there is no newspaper published 24 25 in the township, the notice shall be published in a newspaper 26 published in the county and having general circulation in the

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township. Notice also shall be given by posting notices in at 1 2 least 5 public places at least 10 days before the township meeting. If the referendum is ordered to be held at an 3 election, the township clerk shall certify that proposition to 4 5 the proper election officials, who shall submit the proposition 6 The proposition shall be at. an election. submitted in 7 accordance with the general election law.

8 (c) If the leased property is utilized in part for private 9 use and in part for public use, those portions of the 10 improvements devoted to private use are fully taxable. The land 11 is exempt from taxation to the extent that the uses on the land 12 are public and taxable to the extent that the uses are private.

13 (d) Before the township makes a lease or sale of township 14 or road district real or personal property, unless the personal 15 property has a sale value of \$2,500 or less, the electors shall 16 adopt a resolution stating the intent to lease or sell the real 17 or personal property, describing the property in full, and stating the terms and conditions the electors deem necessary 18 and desirable for the lease or sale. A resolution stating the 19 intent to sell real property shall also contain pertinent 20 information concerning the size, use, and zoning of the 21 22 property. The value of real property shall be determined by a 23 State licensed real estate appraiser. The appraisal shall be 24 available for public inspection. The resolution may direct the 25 sale to be conducted by the staff of the township or by listing 26 with local licensed real estate agencies (in which case the

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1 terms of the agent's compensation shall be included in the 2 resolution).

When a township sells township or road district personal property valued for sale at \$2,500 or less, the electors are not required to adopt a resolution. Prior to the sale, the clerk shall prepare a notice stating the intent of the township or road district to sell personal property with a sale value of \$2,500 or less and describing the property in full.

9 The clerk shall thereafter publish the resolution or 10 personal property sale notice once in a newspaper published in 11 the township or, if no newspaper is published in the township, 12 in a newspaper generally circulated in the township. If no 13 newspaper is generally circulated in the township, the clerk 14 shall post the resolution or personal property sale notice in 5 15 of the most public places in the township. In addition to the 16 foregoing publication requirements, the clerk shall post the 17 resolution or personal property sale notice at the office of the township (if township property is involved) or at the 18 office of the road district (if road district property is 19 20 involved). The following information shall be published or posted with the resolution or personal property sale notice: 21 22 (i) the date by which all bids must be received by the township 23 or road district, which shall not be less than 30 days after the date of publication or posting, and (ii) the place, time, 24 25 and date at which bids shall be opened, which shall be at a 26 regular meeting of the township board.

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All bids shall be opened by the clerk (or someone duly 1 2 appointed to act for the clerk) at the regular meeting of the 3 township board described in the notice. With respect to township personal property, except personal property valued 4 5 for sale at \$2,500 or less, the township board may accept the 6 high bid or any other bid determined to be in the best 7 interests of the township by a majority vote of the board. With 8 respect to township real property, the township board may 9 accept the high bid or any other bid determined to be in the 10 best interests of the township by a vote of three-fourths of 11 the township board then holding office, but in no event at a 12 price less than 80% of the appraised value. With respect to 13 road district property, except personal property valued for sale at \$2,500 or less, the highway commissioner may accept the 14 15 high bid or any other bid determined to be in the best 16 interests of the road district. In each case, the township 17 board or commissioner may reject any and all bids. With respect to township or road district personal property valued for sale 18 at \$2,500 or less, the clerk shall accept at least 2 bids and 19 20 the township board or highway commissioner shall accept the highest bid. This notice and competitive bidding procedure 21 22 shall not be followed when property is leased to another 23 body. The notice and competitive governmental bidding procedure shall not be followed when property is declared 24 25 surplus by the electors and sold to another governmental body. (e) A trade-in of machinery or equipment on new or 26

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- 1 different machinery or equipment does not constitute the sale
- 2 of township or road district property.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 95-909, eff. 8-26-08.)