



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

HB1200

by Rep. Joe Sosnowski

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 1290/1

from Ch. 105, par. 326

Amends the Park District Aquarium and Museum Act. Provides that any aquarium or museum in a county with a population of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants must be open to the public without charge for a period equivalent to 26 days each year. Further provides that any aquarium or museum in a county with a population of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants must be open to the public without charge for a period equivalent to 52 days each year. Effective immediately.

LRB098 04094 OMW 34117 b

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 Park District Aquarium and Museum Act is
5 amended by changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 1290/1) (from Ch. 105, par. 326)

7 Sec. 1. Erect, operate, and maintain aquariums and museums.
8 The corporate authorities of cities and park districts having
9 the control or supervision of any public park or parks, are
10 hereby authorized to purchase, erect and maintain within any
11 public park or parks under the control or supervision of such
12 corporate authorities, edifices to be used as aquariums or as
13 museums of art, industry, science or natural or other history,
14 or to permit the directors or trustees of any corporation or
15 society organized for the construction or maintenance and
16 operation of an aquarium or museum as hereinabove described to
17 erect, enlarge, ornament, build, rebuild, rehabilitate,
18 improve, maintain and operate its aquarium or museum or museums
19 within any public park now or hereafter under the control or
20 supervision of any city or park district, and to contract with
21 any such directors or trustees of any such aquarium, museum or
22 museums relative to the erection, enlargement, ornamentation,
23 building, rebuilding, rehabilitation, improvement, maintenance

1 and operation thereof. Any city or park district may charge, or
2 permit such an aquarium or museum to charge, an admission fee.
3 Any such aquarium or museum, however, shall be open without
4 charge, when accompanied by a teacher, to the children in
5 actual attendance upon grades kindergarten through twelve in
6 any of the schools in this State at all times. Any such
7 aquarium or museum in a county with a population of less than
8 3,000,000 inhabitants, however, must be open to persons who
9 reside in this State without charge for a period equivalent to
10 26 ~~52~~ days, at least 6 of which must be during the period from
11 June through August, each year. Any such aquarium or museum in
12 a county with a population of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants,
13 however, must be open to the public without charge for a period
14 equivalent to 52 days, at least 6 of which must be during the
15 period from June through August, each year. Notwithstanding
16 said provisions, charges may be made at any time for special
17 services and for admission to special facilities within any
18 aquarium or museum for the education, entertainment or
19 convenience of visitors. The proceeds of such admission fees
20 and charges for special services and special facilities shall
21 be devoted exclusively to the purposes for which the tax
22 authorized by Section 2 hereof may be used. If any owner or
23 owners of any lands or lots abutting or fronting on any such
24 public park, or adjacent thereto, have any private right,
25 easement, interest or property in such public park appurtenant
26 to their lands or lots or otherwise, which would be interfered

1 with by the erection and maintenance of any aquarium or museum
2 as hereinbefore provided, or any right to have such public park
3 remain open or vacant and free from buildings, the corporate
4 authorities of the city or park district having control of such
5 park, may condemn the same in the manner prescribed for the
6 exercise of the right of eminent domain under the Eminent
7 Domain Act.

8 (Source: P.A. 97-187, eff. 7-22-11.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.