

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 SB1432

Introduced 2/6/2013, by Sen. Jacqueline Y. Collins

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 200/15-60 35 ILCS 200/21-95

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that property owned by an entity created by county or municipal ordinance for the purpose of acquiring troubled property and returning it to productive use is exempt from property taxation. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IMPACT NOTE ACT MAY APPLY 1 AN ACT concerning property tax.

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

- Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing

  Sections 15-60 and 21-95 as follows:
- 6 (35 ILCS 200/15-60)
- Sec. 15-60. Taxing district property. All property belonging to any county or municipality used exclusively for the maintenance of the poor is exempt, as is all property owned by a taxing district that is being held for future expansion or development, except if leased by the taxing district to lessees for use for other than public purposes.
- 13 Also exempt are:

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- 14 (a) all swamp or overflowed lands belonging to any 15 county;
  - (b) all public buildings belonging to any county, township, or municipality, with the ground on which the buildings are erected;
  - (c) all property owned by any municipality located within its incorporated limits. Any such property leased by a municipality shall remain exempt, and the leasehold interest of the lessee shall be assessed under Section 9-195 of this Act, (i) for a lease entered into on or after

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January 1, 1994, unless the lease expressly provides that this exemption shall not apply; (ii) for a lease entered into on or after the effective date of Public Act 87-1280 and before January 1, 1994, unless the lease expressly provides that this exemption shall not apply or unless evidence other than the lease itself substantiates the intent of the parties to the lease that this exemption shall not apply; and (iii) for a lease entered into before the effective date of Public Act 87-1280, if the terms of the lease do not bind the lessee to pay the taxes on the leased property or if, notwithstanding the terms of the lease, the municipality has filed or hereafter files a timely exemption petition or complaint with respect to property consisting of or including the leased property for an assessment year which includes part or all of the first 12 months of the lease period. The foregoing clause (iii) added by Public Act 87-1280 shall not operate to exempt property for any assessment year as to which no timely exemption petition or complaint has been filed by the municipality or as to which an administrative or court decision denying exemption has become final and nonappealable. For each assessment year or portion thereof that property is made exempt by operation of the foregoing clause (iii), whether such year or portion is before or after the effective date of Public Act 87-1280, the leasehold interest of the lessee shall, if necessary, be

considered omitted property for purposes of this Act;

- (c-5) Notwithstanding clause (i) of subsection (c), all property owned by a municipality with a population of over 500,000 that is used for toll road or toll bridge purposes and that is leased for those purposes to another entity whose property is not exempt shall remain exempt, and any leasehold interest in the property shall not be subject to taxation under Section 9-195 of this Act;
- (d) all property owned by any municipality located outside its incorporated limits but within the same county when used as a tuberculosis sanitarium, farm colony in connection with a house of correction, or nursery, garden, or farm, or for the growing of shrubs, trees, flowers, vegetables, and plants for use in beautifying, maintaining, and operating playgrounds, parks, parkways, public grounds, buildings, and institutions owned or controlled by the municipality; and
- (e) all property owned by a township and operated as senior citizen housing under Sections 35-50 through 35-50.6 of the Township Code ; and.
- (f) all property owned by an entity created by a county or by one or more municipalities by ordinance or intergovernmental agreement for the purpose of acquiring tax-delinquent, low-value or other troubled property and returning it to productive use.
- All property owned by any municipality outside of its

- 1 corporate limits is exempt if used exclusively for municipal or
- 2 public purposes.
- For purposes of this Section, "municipality" means a
- 4 municipality, as defined in Section 1-1-2 of the Illinois
- 5 Municipal Code.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 92-844, eff. 8-23-02; 92-846, eff. 8-23-02.)
- 7 (35 ILCS 200/21-95)
- 8 21-95. Tax abatement after acquisition by a 9 governmental unit. When any county, municipality, 10 district, or park district acquires property through the 11 foreclosure of a lien, through a judicial deed, through the 12 foreclosure of receivership certificate lien, or by acceptance of a deed of conveyance in lieu of foreclosing any lien against 13 the property, or when a government unit acquires property by 14 15 acceptance of a donation, or when a government unit acquires 16 property under the Abandoned Housing Rehabilitation Act, or when any county or other taxing district acquires a deed for 17 property under Section 21-90 or Sections 21-145 and 21-260, or 18 when any county, municipality, school district, or park 19 20 district acquires title to property that was to be transferred 21 to that county, municipality, school district, or park district 22 under the terms of an annexation agreement, development agreement, donation agreement, plat of subdivision, or zoning 23 24 ordinance by an entity that has been dissolved or is being 25 dissolved or has been in bankruptcy proceedings or is in

- 1 bankruptcy proceedings, all due or unpaid property taxes and
- 2 existing liens for unpaid property taxes imposed or pending
- 3 under any law or ordinance of this State or any of its
- 4 political subdivisions shall become null and void.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 96-1142, eff. 7-21-10.)
- 6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 7 becoming law.