

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 Forest Preserve Zoological Parks Act is
5 amended by changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 835/1) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6801)

7 Sec. 1. The corporate authorities of forest preserve
8 districts, containing a population of 140,000 or more located
9 in counties of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, having the
10 control or supervision of any forest preserves, may erect and
11 maintain within such forest preserves, under the control or
12 supervision of such corporate authorities, edifices to be used
13 for the collection and display of animals as customary in
14 zoological parks, and may collect and display such animals, or
15 permit the directors or trustees of any zoological society
16 devoted to the purposes aforesaid to erect and maintain a
17 zoological park and to collect and display zoological
18 collections within any forest preserve now or hereafter under
19 the control or supervision of such forest preserve district,
20 out of funds belonging to such zoological society, or to
21 contract with the directors or trustees of any zoological
22 society on such terms and conditions as may to such corporate
23 authorities seem best, relative to the erection, operation and

1 maintenance of a zoological park and the collection and display
2 of such animals within such forest preserve, out of the tax
3 hereinafter in this Act provided.

4 This Act applies to any forest preserve district that
5 maintains a zoological park that was established under this Act
6 prior to 1964, regardless of whether the population
7 requirements continue to be met.

8 A ~~Such a~~ forest preserve district, containing a population
9 of 140,000 or more district, or the directors or trustees of
10 such zoological society when so authorized by the forest
11 preserve district, may (a) police the property of the
12 zoological park, (b) employ, establish, maintain and equip a
13 security force for fire and police protection of the zoological
14 park and (c) provide that the personnel of the security force
15 shall perform other tasks relating to the maintenance and
16 operation of the zoological park. Members of the security force
17 shall be conservators of the peace with all the powers of
18 policemen in cities and of sheriffs, other than to serve or
19 execute civil processes, but such powers may be exercised only
20 within the area comprising the zoological park when required to
21 protect the zoological park's property and interests, its
22 personnel and persons using the facilities or at the specific
23 request of appropriate federal, State or local law enforcement
24 officials. All otherwise lawful actions taken on or after
25 August 13, 1978 (the effective date of Public Act 80-1364) and
26 before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th

1 General Assembly by a forest preserve district or a zoological
2 society located in a county of 3,000,000 or more in exercising
3 the powers provided in this paragraph are hereby validated,
4 notwithstanding Public Act 80-1364, which was a
5 non-substantive combining revisory Act.

6 A ~~Such~~ forest preserve district, containing a population of
7 140,000 or more located in counties of less than 3,000,000
8 inhabitants, may charge, or permit such zoological society to
9 charge, an admission fee. The proceeds of such admission fee
10 shall be devoted exclusively to the operation and maintenance
11 of such zoological park and the collections therein. All such
12 zoological parks shall be open to the public without charge (i)
13 a total number of days, to be scheduled at any time during the
14 calendar year, equivalent to at least one day for each 7 days
15 the zoological park is open during the calendar year and (ii)
16 to the children in actual attendance upon any of the schools in
17 the State at all times. The managing authority of the
18 zoological park may limit the number of school groups that may
19 attend the zoo on any given day and may establish other rules
20 and regulations that reasonably ensure public safety,
21 accessibility, and convenience, including without limitation
22 standards of conduct and supervision. Charges may be made at
23 any time for special services and for admission to special
24 facilities within any zoological park for the education,
25 entertainment or convenience of visitors.

26 (Source: P.A. 92-548, eff. 6-24-02; 93-651, eff. 6-1-04.)

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.