



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB1395

by Rep. Thaddeus Jones

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-100 new

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Creates the consolidated Village of Lynwood-Ford Heights from June 1, 2017 and until May 31, 2025, with the terms of all officers of the Villages of Ford Heights and Lynwood ending on May 31, 2017. Provides that electors of the Village of Lynwood-Ford Heights elect at-large officers during the 2017 and 2021 consolidated elections. Provides that the electors of the Village of Lynwood-Ford Heights shall vote by referendum in the 2024 general election whether to continue the consolidated Village of Lynwood-Ford Heights. Provides that if the electors reject to continue the consolidated Village of Lynwood-Ford Heights, the 2025 elections and Villages of Ford Heights and Lynwood shall revert back to their statuses as existing prior to June 1, 2017.

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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 Municipal Code is amended by adding
5 Section 3.1-25-100 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-100 new)

7 Sec. 3.1-25-100. Village of Lynwood-Ford Heights.

8 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary:

9 (a) Beginning June 1, 2017 and until May 31, 2025, the
10 Villages of Ford Heights and Lynwood shall be a single
11 municipality with a single municipal government, which may be
12 referred to as the Village of Lynwood-Ford Heights.

13 (b) The terms of office of all officers elected for the
14 Villages of Ford Heights and Lynwood shall end on May 31, 2017.

15 (c) For the 2017 and 2021 consolidated election cycles, a
16 single set of municipal officers shall be elected for the
17 Village of Lynwood-Ford Heights, with a single board composed
18 of 8 trustees who shall run at-large.

19 (d) For the 2024 general election, a referendum shall be
20 voted upon by the electors of the Village of Lynwood-Ford
21 Heights. Subject to the referendum form requirements of Section
22 16-7 of the Election Code, the referendum shall be in
23 substantially the following form on the ballot:

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 2 Shall the Village of Lynwood-Ford YES
 3 Heights continue as -----
 4 a consolidated village? NO
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6 (e) If a majority of the electors of the Village of
 7 Lynwood-Ford Heights approve the referendum described in
 8 subsection (d), the Village of Lynwood-Ford Heights shall
 9 continue, and the elections of the Village of Lynwood-Ford
 10 Heights shall continue to elect officers and trustees under
 11 subsection (c) at the 2025 consolidated election and each
 12 consolidated election thereafter.

13 (f) If a majority of the electors of the Village of
 14 Lynwood-Ford Heights reject the referendum described in
 15 subsection (d), then:

16 (1) in the 2025 consolidated election, the electors of
 17 the former Villages of Ford Heights and Lynwood shall each
 18 elect 6 trustees together with all other municipal
 19 officers, as they existed prior to June 1, 2017, to their
 20 respective villages; and

21 (2) on June 1, 2025, the Village of Ford Heights and
 22 the Village of Lynwood shall revert back to their statuses
 23 as existing prior to June 1, 2017.