

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 Library System Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 8.1 as follows:

6 (75 ILCS 10/8.1) (from Ch. 81, par. 118.1)

7 Sec. 8.1. The State Librarian shall make grants annually  
8 under this Section to all qualified public libraries in the  
9 State from funds appropriated by the General Assembly. Such  
10 grants shall be in the amount of up to \$1.25 per capita for the  
11 population of the area served by the respective public library  
12 and, in addition, the amount of up to \$0.19 per capita to  
13 libraries serving populations over 500,000 under the Illinois  
14 Major Urban Library Program. If the moneys appropriated for  
15 grants under this Section fail to meet the \$1.25 and the \$0.19  
16 per capita amounts above, the funding shall be decreased pro  
17 rata so that qualifying public libraries receive the same  
18 amount per capita. If the moneys appropriated for grants under  
19 this Section exceed the \$1.25 and the \$0.19 per capita amounts  
20 above, the funding shall be increased pro rata so that  
21 qualifying public libraries receive the same amount per capita.

22 To be eligible for grants under this Section, a public  
23 library must:

1           (1) Provide, as determined by the State Librarian,  
2           library services which either meet or show progress toward  
3           meeting the Illinois library standards, as most recently  
4           adopted by the Illinois Library Association.

5           (2) Be a public library for which is levied a tax for  
6           library purposes at a rate not less than .13% or a county  
7           library for which is levied a tax for library purposes at a  
8           rate not less than .07%. If a library is subject to the  
9           Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax  
10          Code and its tax levy for library purposes has been lowered  
11          to a rate of less than .13%, this requirement will be  
12          waived if the library qualified for this grant in the  
13          previous year and if the tax levied for library purposes in  
14          the current year produces tax revenue for library purposes  
15          that is an increase over the previous year's extension of  
16          5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index,  
17          whichever is less. Beginning in State Fiscal Year 2012 ~~and~~  
18          ~~continuing through and including State Fiscal Year 2015,~~  
19          the eligibility requirement in this subsection shall be  
20          waived if a library's tax levy for library purposes has  
21          been lowered to a rate of less than 0.13%, and the State  
22          Librarian determines that the library (i) continues to meet  
23          the requirements of item (1) of this Section and (ii)  
24          received a grant under this Section in the previous fiscal  
25          year.

26          Any other language in this Section to the contrary

1 notwithstanding, grants under this Section 8.1 shall be made  
2 only upon application of the public library concerned, which  
3 applications shall be entirely voluntary and within the sole  
4 discretion of the public library concerned.

5 In order to be eligible for a grant under this Section, the  
6 corporate authorities, in lieu of a tax levy at a particular  
7 rate, may provide funds from other sources, an amount  
8 equivalent to the amount to be produced by that levy.

9 (Source: P.A. 99-186, eff. 7-29-15.)

10 (75 ILCS 10/12 rep.)

11 Section 10. The Illinois Library System Act is amended by  
12 repealing Section 12.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14 becoming law.