

1 AN ACT concerning aquariums and museums.

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. The corporate authorities of cities and park  
8 districts having the control or supervision of any public  
9 park or parks, are hereby authorized to purchase, erect and  
10 maintain within any public park or parks under the control or  
11 supervision of such corporate authorities, edifices to be  
12 used as aquariums or as museums of art, industry, science or  
13 natural or other history, or to permit the directors or  
14 trustees of any corporation or society organized for the  
15 construction or maintenance and operation of an aquarium or  
16 museum as hereinabove described to erect, enlarge, ornament,  
17 build, rebuild, rehabilitate, improve, maintain and operate  
18 its aquarium or museum or museums within any public park now  
19 or hereafter under the control or supervision of any city or  
20 park district, and to contract with any such directors or  
21 trustees of any such aquarium, museum or museums relative to  
22 the erection, enlargement, ornamentation, building,  
23 rebuilding, rehabilitation, improvement, maintenance and  
24 operation thereof. Any city or park district may charge, or  
25 permit such an aquarium or museum to charge, an admission  
26 fee. ~~Provided, that~~ Any such aquarium or museum, however,  
27 shall be open ~~to the public~~ without charge ~~for at least one~~  
28 ~~day each week,~~ and, when accompanied by a teacher, to the  
29 children in actual attendance upon grades kindergarten  
30 through twelve in any of the schools in this State at all  
31 times. ~~During a 2-year period beginning on the effective date~~

1 ~~ef-this-amendatory-Act-of-the-91st-General-Assembly,~~ Any such  
2 aquarium or museum, however, must be open to the public  
3 without charge for a period equivalent to 52 days, at least 6  
4 of which must be during the period from June through August,  
5 each year, ~~---instead---of---at---least---one---day---each---week.~~  
6 Notwithstanding said provisions, charges may be made at any  
7 time for special services and for admission to special  
8 facilities within any aquarium or museum for the education,  
9 entertainment or convenience of visitors. The proceeds of  
10 such admission fees and charges for special services and  
11 special facilities shall be devoted exclusively to the  
12 purposes for which the tax authorized by Section 2 hereof may  
13 be used. If any owner or owners of any lands or lots abutting  
14 or fronting on any such public park, or adjacent thereto,  
15 have any private right, easement, interest or property in  
16 such public park appurtenant to their lands or lots or  
17 otherwise, which would be interfered with by the erection and  
18 maintenance of any aquarium or museum as hereinbefore  
19 provided, or any right to have such public park remain open  
20 or vacant and free from buildings, the corporate authorities  
21 of the city or park district having control of such park, may  
22 condemn the same in the manner prescribed for the exercise of  
23 the right of eminent domain under Article VII of the Code of  
24 Civil Procedure, as now or hereafter amended.

25 (Source: P.A. 91-918, eff. 7-7-00.)