



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB3479

Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Rick Ryan

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

65 ILCS 5/11-5-8.5 new

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that, if a municipality with 500 or more residents owns, operates, or maintains an ambulance department, then the municipality shall not cease the operation and maintenance of the ambulance department without a referendum. Provides that, if a majority of the votes cast on the question are in favor of dissolving the ambulance department, then the court shall enter an order discontinuing the ambulance department. Provides that the rights of the employees of the dissolved ambulance department provided by the Personnel Code, any applicable collective bargaining agreements, or under any pension, retirement, or annuity plan shall not be affected by the amendatory Act. Limits home rule powers.

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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  
5 adding Section 11-5-8.5 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/11-5-8.5 new)

7 Sec. 11-5-8.5. Cessation of ambulance services.

8 (a) If a municipality with 500 or more residents owns,  
9 operates, or maintains an ambulance department under Section  
10 11-5-7, then the municipality shall not cease the operation  
11 and maintenance of the ambulance department without a  
12 referendum. (b) The referendum proposing the dissolution of  
13 the ambulance department shall be conducted in a manner that  
14 is consistent with this Section. The ballot for the referendum  
15 shall be in substantially the following form:

16 -----  
17 Shall the (name of ambulance  
18 department) serving the citizens YES  
19 with (list local unit(s) of -----  
20 government) cease to provide NO  
21 emergency services and be  
22 dissolved and discontinued?  
23 -----

1       (b) If a majority of the votes cast on the question are in  
2       favor of dissolving the ambulance department, then the court  
3       shall enter an order discontinuing the ambulance department.

4       (c) The rights of the employees of the dissolved ambulance  
5       department provided by the Personnel Code, any applicable  
6       collective bargaining agreements, or under any pension,  
7       retirement, or annuity plan shall not be affected by this  
8       amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly.

9       (d) A municipality that is a home rule unit may not  
10       dissolve an ambulance department in a manner that is  
11       inconsistent with this Section. This Section is a limitation  
12       under subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the  
13       Illinois Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home rule  
14       units of the powers and functions exercised by the State.