

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 Cook County Forest Preserve District Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 40 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 810/40) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6443)

7 Sec. 40. The corporate authorities of forest preserve  
8 districts, having the control or supervision of any forest  
9 preserves, may erect and maintain within such forest  
10 preserves, under the control or supervision of such corporate  
11 authorities, edifices to be used for the collection and  
12 display of animals as customary in zoological parks, and may  
13 collect and display such animals, or permit the directors or  
14 trustees of any zoological society devoted to the purposes  
15 aforesaid to erect and maintain a zoological park and to  
16 collect and display zoological collections within any forest  
17 preserve now or hereafter under the control or supervision of  
18 such forest preserve district, out of funds belonging to such  
19 zoological society, or to contract with the directors or  
20 trustees of any zoological society on such terms and  
21 conditions as may to such corporate authorities seem best,  
22 relative to the erection, operation and maintenance of a  
23 zoological park and the collection and display of such animals

1 within such forest preserve, out of the tax provided in  
2 Section 41.

3 Such forest preserve district may charge, or permit such  
4 zoological society to charge an admission fee. The proceeds of  
5 such admission fee shall be devoted exclusively to the  
6 operation and maintenance of such zoological park and the  
7 collections therein. All such zoological parks shall be open  
8 to the public without charge for a period equivalent to 52 days  
9 each year. Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory  
10 Act of the 101st General Assembly through June 30, 2022, any  
11 such zoological parks shall be open to the public without  
12 charge for a period equivalent to 52 days. All such zoological  
13 parks shall be open without charge to organized groups of  
14 children in attendance at schools in the State. The managing  
15 authority of the zoological park may limit the number of any  
16 such groups in any given day and may establish other rules and  
17 regulations that reasonably ensure public safety,  
18 accessibility, and convenience, including but not limited to  
19 standards of conduct and supervision. Charges may be made at  
20 any time for special services and for admission to special  
21 facilities within any zoological park for the education,  
22 entertainment or convenience of visitors.

23 Subject to approval by the forest preserve district board,  
24 the managing authority of the zoological park may sublease or  
25 license no more than 15 acres of land within its boundaries for  
26 recreational use by a governmental entity or a not-for-profit

1 organization to gain revenue in support of the zoological  
2 park's mission. A sublease or license under this Section shall  
3 expire after 40 years or upon the expiration of the contract  
4 between the forest preserve district and the zoological  
5 society, including renewal terms, whichever occurs first. The  
6 authority to sublease or license under this Section expires  
7 December 31, 2030.

8 (Source: P.A. 101-640, eff. 6-12-20.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
10 becoming law.