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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1424

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1424 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 5-1049.2 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-1049.2)

7 Sec. 5-1049.2. Lease of county property.

8 (a) The county board may lease real estate acquired or  
9 held by the county for any term not exceeding 99 years and may  
10 lease the real estate when, in the opinion of the county board,  
11 the real estate is no longer necessary, appropriate, required  
12 for the use of, profitable to, or for the best interests of the  
13 county. The authority to lease shall be exercised by an  
14 ordinance passed by three-fourths of the full county board  
15 then holding office, at any regular meeting or at any special  
16 meeting called for that purpose.

1 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), upon three-fourths  
2 vote, by the full county board, the county board may lease  
3 farmland acquired or held by the county for any term not  
4 exceeding 5 years. Farmland may be leased to either public or  
5 private entities via a cash lease, crop-sharing arrangement,  
6 or custom farming arrangement. The bid process for a lease  
7 entered into under this subsection must be publicly advertised  
8 and sealed bids must be opened at a county board meeting for  
9 public review. Counties shall not acquire farmland for the  
10 sole purpose of entering into a cash lease, crop-sharing  
11 arrangement, or custom farming arrangement or other  
12 speculative purpose.

13 (c) A county with a population of between 500,000 and  
14 600,000 inhabitants may lease vacant real estate, structures,  
15 or facilities that are owned by the county if doing so promotes  
16 economic development, job creation, or community  
17 revitalization and does not interfere with existing public  
18 services. This subsection does not authorize the lease to the  
19 public of properties, structures, or facilities currently used  
20 for government-operated services. A lease is not permitted  
21 under this subsection if the lease may result in the  
22 elimination or privatization of existing government-operated  
23 services. The authority to enter into a lease shall be  
24 exercised by an ordinance passed by three-fourths of the full  
25 county board then holding office, at any regular meeting or at  
26 any special meeting called for that purpose. The term of a

1 lease entered into under this subsection may not exceed 99  
2 years. The provisions of this subsection shall become  
3 inoperative 5 years after the effective date of this  
4 amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly.

5 (Source: P.A. 103-415, eff. 8-4-23.)".