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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 925/5
70 ILCS 925/10
70 ILCS 925/20
70 ILCS 925/22
70 ILCS 925/25
70 ILCS 925/70

Amends the Mid-Illinois Medical District Act. Expands the boundaries of the Mid-Illinois Medical District. Makes changes to the powers of the Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission. Requires the Commission to hold a regular meeting on the second Thursday of February in even-numbered years for the election of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer from among its members and to hold meetings annually for the adoption of a budget and for other business purposes (rather than holding annual meetings for all purposes). Provides that the Commission may not acquire property between 11th Street on the east, Madison Street on the north, Walnut Street on the west, and South Grand Avenue on the south by exercising the right of eminent domain under the Eminent Domain Act. Authorizes the Commission to construct or cause to be constructed, among other things, housing, educational buildings, and research facilities. Requires the Commission's master plans to be delivered to (rather than approved by) the advisory council and the Springfield city council.

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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 Mid-Illinois Medical District Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 5, 10, 20, 22, 25, and 70 as
6 follows:

7 (70 ILCS 925/5)

8 Sec. 5. Creation of District. There is created in the City
9 of Springfield a medical center district, the Mid-Illinois
10 Medical District, whose boundaries are 11th Street on the
11 east, North Grand Avenue on the north, Walnut Street on the
12 west, and South Grand Avenue ~~Madison Street~~ on the south,
13 excluding (i) all local, State, and federal government
14 properties and (ii) all properties within the area bounded by
15 Washington Street on the north, Third Street on the east, Cook
16 Street on the south, and Walnut Street on the west ~~all in the~~
17 ~~City of Springfield, Illinois.~~ The District is created to
18 improve the city center of Springfield by attracting ~~attract~~
19 and retaining ~~retain~~ academic centers of excellence, viable
20 health care facilities, medical research facilities, emerging
21 high technology enterprises, and other facilities and uses as
22 permitted by this Act.

23 (Source: P.A. 95-693, eff. 11-5-07.)

1 (70 ILCS 925/10)

2 Sec. 10. Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission.

3 (a) There is created a body politic and corporate under
4 the corporate name of the Mid-Illinois Medical District
5 Commission whose general purpose, in addition to and not in
6 limitation of those purposes and powers set forth in this Act,
7 is to:

8 (1) maintain the proper surroundings for a research,
9 innovation, and medical center and a related technology
10 center in order to attract, stabilize, and retain within
11 the District hospitals, clinics, research facilities,
12 educational facilities, or other facilities permitted
13 under this Act;

14 (2) provide for the orderly creation, maintenance,
15 development, and expansion of (i) research, innovation,
16 and medical ~~health care~~ facilities and other ancillary or
17 related facilities that the Commission may from time to
18 time determine are established and operated (A) for any
19 aspect of the carrying out of the Commission's purposes as
20 set forth in this Act, (B) for the study, diagnosis, and
21 treatment of human ailments and injuries, whether physical
22 or mental, or (C) to promote medical, technological,
23 surgical, and scientific research and knowledge as
24 permitted under this Act; and (ii) medical research and
25 high technology parks, together with the necessary lands,

1 buildings, facilities, equipment, and personal property
2 for those parks; and

3 (3) convene dialogue among leaders in the public and
4 the private sectors on topics and issues associated with
5 training in the delivery of health care services and
6 related industry in the District's program area.

7 (b) The Commission has perpetual succession and the power
8 to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued except
9 in actions sounding in tort, to plead and be impleaded, to have
10 and use a common seal, and to alter the same at pleasure. All
11 actions sounding in tort against the Commission shall be
12 prosecuted in the Court of Claims. The principal office of the
13 Commission shall be in the City of Springfield.

14 (c) The Commission shall consist of the following members:
15 4 members appointed by the Governor, with the advice and
16 consent of the Senate; 4 members appointed by the Mayor of
17 Springfield, with the advice and consent of the Springfield
18 city council; and one member appointed by the Chairperson of
19 the County Board of Sangamon County. The initial members of
20 the Commission appointed by the Governor shall be appointed
21 for terms ending, respectively on the second, third, fourth,
22 and fifth anniversaries of their appointments. The initial
23 members appointed by the Mayor of Springfield shall be
24 appointed 2 each for terms ending, respectively, on the second
25 and third anniversaries of their appointments. The initial
26 member appointed by the Chairperson of the County Board of

1 Sangamon County shall be appointed for a term ending on the
2 fourth anniversary of the appointment. Thereafter, all the
3 members shall be appointed to hold office for a term of 5 years
4 and until their successors are appointed as provided in this
5 Act.

6 Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory
7 Act of the 95th General Assembly, the Governor shall appoint 2
8 additional members to the Commission. One member shall serve
9 for a term of 4 years and one member shall serve for a term of
10 5 years. Their successors shall be appointed for 5-year terms.
11 Those additional members and their successors shall be limited
12 to residents of the following counties in Illinois: Cass,
13 Christian, Logan, Macoupin, Mason, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan,
14 or Scott.

15 (d) Any vacancy in the membership of the Commission
16 occurring by reason of the death, resignation,
17 disqualification, removal, or inability or refusal to act of
18 any of the members of the Commission shall be filled by the
19 authority that had appointed the particular member, and for
20 the unexpired term of office of that particular member. A
21 vacancy caused by the expiration of the period for which the
22 member was appointed shall be filled by a new appointment for a
23 term of 5 years from the date of the expiration of the prior
24 5-year term notwithstanding when the appointment is actually
25 made. The Commission shall obtain, under the provisions of the
26 Personnel Code, such personnel as to the Commission shall deem

1 advisable to carry out the purposes of this Act and the work of
2 the Commission.

3 (e) The Commission shall hold a regular meeting on the
4 second Thursday of February in even-numbered years ~~meetings~~
5 ~~annually~~ for the election of a President, Vice-President,
6 Secretary, and Treasurer from among its members. The
7 Commission shall hold meetings annually 7 for the adoption of
8 a budget, and for such other business as may properly come
9 before it. ~~The Commission shall elect as the President a~~
10 ~~member of the Commission appointed by the Mayor of Springfield~~
11 ~~and as the Vice-President a member of the Commission appointed~~
12 ~~by the Governor.~~ The Commission shall establish the duties and
13 responsibilities of its officers by rule. The President or any
14 4 members of the Commission may call special meetings of the
15 Commission. Each Commissioner shall take an oath of office for
16 the faithful performance of his or her duties. The Commission
17 may not transact business at a meeting of the Commission
18 unless there is present at the meeting a quorum consisting of
19 at least 6 Commissioners. Meetings may be held by telephone
20 conference or other communications equipment by means of which
21 all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with
22 each other.

23 (f) The Commission shall submit to the General Assembly,
24 not later than March 1 of each odd-numbered year, a detailed
25 report covering its operations for the 2 preceding calendar
26 years and a statement of its program for the next 2 years.

1 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly
2 shall be satisfied by filing copies of the report as required
3 by Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act, and
4 by filing such additional copies with the State Government
5 Report Distribution Center for the General Assembly as is
6 required under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State Library
7 Act.

8 (g) The Auditor General shall conduct audits of the
9 Commission in the same manner as the Auditor General conducts
10 audits of State agencies under the Illinois State Auditing
11 Act.

12 (h) Neither the Commission nor the District have any power
13 to tax.

14 (i) The Commission is a public body and subject to the Open
15 Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

16 (Source: P.A. 100-1148, eff. 12-10-18.)

17 (70 ILCS 925/20)

18 Sec. 20. Property; acquisition. The Commission is
19 authorized to acquire the fee simple title to real property
20 lying within the District and personal property required for
21 its purposes, by gift, purchase, or otherwise. Title shall be
22 taken in the corporate name of the Commission. The Commission
23 may acquire by lease any real property lying within the
24 District and personal property found by the Commission to be
25 necessary for its purposes and to which the Commission finds

1 that it need not acquire the fee simple title for carrying out
2 of those purposes. All real and personal property within the
3 District, except that owned and used for purposes authorized
4 under this Act by medical institutions or allied educational
5 institutions, hospitals, dispensaries, clinics, dormitories or
6 homes for the nurses, doctors, students, instructors, or other
7 officers or employees of those institutions located in the
8 District, or any real property that is used for offices or for
9 recreational purposes in connection with those institutions,
10 or any improved residential property within a currently
11 effective historical district properly designated under a
12 federal statute or a State or local statute that has been
13 certified by the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of
14 the Treasury as containing criteria that will substantially
15 achieve the purpose of preserving and rehabilitating buildings
16 of historical significance to the district, may be acquired by
17 the Commission in its corporate name under the provisions for
18 the exercise of the right of eminent domain under the Eminent
19 Domain Act. The Commission may not acquire property between
20 11th Street on the east, Madison Street on the north, Walnut
21 Street on the west, and South Grand Avenue on the south by
22 exercising the right of eminent domain under the Eminent
23 Domain Act. The Commission has no quick-take powers, no zoning
24 powers, and no power to establish or enforce building codes.
25 The Commission may not acquire any property pursuant to this
26 Section before a comprehensive master plan has been approved

1 under Section 70.

2 (Source: P.A. 94-1055, eff. 1-1-07.)

3 (70 ILCS 925/22)

4 Sec. 22. Eminent domain. Notwithstanding any other
5 provision of this Act, any power granted under this Act to
6 acquire property by condemnation or eminent domain is subject
7 to, and shall be exercised in accordance with, the Eminent
8 Domain Act, except that the Commission may not acquire
9 property between 11th Street on the east, Madison Street on
10 the north, Walnut Street on the west, and South Grand Avenue on
11 the south by exercising the right of eminent domain under the
12 Eminent Domain Act.

13 (Source: P.A. 94-1055, eff. 1-1-07.)

14 (70 ILCS 925/25)

15 Sec. 25. Construction. The Commission may, in its
16 corporate capacity, construct or cause to be constructed
17 within the District, hospitals, housing, educational
18 buildings, research facilities, sanitariums, clinics,
19 laboratories, or any other institution, building, or structure
20 or other ancillary or related facilities that the Commission
21 may, from time to time, determine are established and operated
22 (i) for the carrying out of any aspect of the Commission's
23 purposes as set forth in this Act, for the study, diagnosis,
24 and treatment of human ailments and injuries, whether physical

1 or mental, or to promote medical, surgical, technological, and
2 scientific research and knowledge, for any uses the Commission
3 shall determine will support and nurture facilities and uses
4 permitted by this Act, or for such nursing, extended care, or
5 other facilities as the Commission shall find useful in the
6 study of, research in, or treatment of illnesses or
7 infirmities peculiar to aged people, after a public hearing to
8 be held by any Commissioner or other person authorized by the
9 Commission to conduct the hearing, which Commissioner or other
10 person has the power to administer oaths and affirmations and
11 take the testimony of witnesses and receive such documentary
12 evidence as shall be pertinent, the record of which hearing he
13 or she shall certify to the Commission, which record shall
14 become part of the records of the Commission, notice of the
15 time, place, and purpose of the hearings to be given by a
16 single publication notice in a news outlet ~~secular newspaper~~
17 of general circulation in the City of Springfield at least 10
18 days before the date of the hearing, or (ii) for such
19 institutions as shall engage in the training, education, or
20 rehabilitation of persons who by reason of illness or physical
21 infirmity are wholly or partially deprived of their powers of
22 vision or hearing or of the use of such other part or parts of
23 their bodies as prevent them from pursuing normal activities
24 of life, for office buildings for physicians or dealers in
25 medical accessories, for dormitories, homes, or residences for
26 the medical profession, including interns, nurses, students,

1 or other officers or employees of the institutions within the
2 District, for the use of relatives of patients in the
3 hospitals or other institutions within the District, for the
4 rehabilitation or establishment of residential structures
5 within a historic district properly designated under a federal
6 statute or a State or local statute that has been certified by
7 the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of the Treasury
8 as containing criteria that will substantially achieve the
9 purpose of preserving and rehabilitating buildings of historic
10 significance to the district, or such other areas of the
11 District as the Commission shall designate, for research,
12 development, and resultant production in any of the fields of
13 medicine, chemistry, pharmaceuticals, physics, and genetically
14 engineered products, for biotechnology, information
15 technology, medical technology, or environmental technology,
16 for the research and development of engineering, or for
17 computer technology related to any of the purposes for which
18 the Commission may construct structures and improvements
19 within the District. All such structures and improvements
20 shall be erected and constructed in accordance with the
21 provisions of the Illinois Procurement Code that apply to
22 State agencies. No construction may be undertaken pursuant to
23 this Section before a comprehensive master plan has been
24 approved under Section 70.

25 (Source: P.A. 92-870, eff. 1-3-03.)

1 (70 ILCS 925/70)

2 Sec. 70. Master plan; improvement and management of
3 District. The Commission shall prepare and approve a
4 comprehensive master plan for the orderly development and
5 management of all property within the District. The master
6 plan, and any amendment to the master plan, shall not take
7 effect, however, until it has been delivered to ~~approved by~~
8 the advisory council and the Springfield city council. The
9 Commission shall take the actions permitted to be taken by it
10 under this Act as it may determine are appropriate to provide
11 conditions most favorable for the special care and treatment
12 of the sick and injured and for the study of disease and for
13 any other purpose in Section 25 of this Act. In the master
14 plan, the Commission may provide for shared services and
15 facilities within the District for the accredited higher
16 education institutions ~~schools of medicine~~ and the licensed
17 non-profit acute care hospitals within the District.

18 (Source: P.A. 92-870, eff. 1-3-03.)