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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-208.8

625 ILCS 5/11-601

625 ILCS 5/11-604

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-601

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-604

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. With regard to automated speed enforcement systems in safety zones, provides that "safety zone" does not include any roadway in which the 30 mile per hour speed limit is decreased by local ordinance without an engineering or traffic investigation. Provides that a local authority or park district shall determine and declare by ordinance a reasonable and safe absolute maximum speed which: decreases the limit within an urban district which shall not require an engineering or traffic investigation to a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour, but not less than 20 miles per hour and a maximum speed limit of 10 miles per hour in an alley; increases the limit within an urban district, but not to more than 55 miles per hour, if after increasing the limit within an urban district an engineering or traffic investigation is required to decrease the limit; or decreases the limit within a residence district which shall not require an engineering or traffic investigation to a maximum speed limit of 20 (rather than not to less than 25) miles per hour. Requires a park district, city, village, incorporated town, or county board to post a sign designating the new speed limit. Makes other changes.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
5 changing Sections 11-208.8, 11-601, and 11-604 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-208.8)

7 Sec. 11-208.8. Automated speed enforcement systems in  
8 safety zones.

9 (a) As used in this Section:

10 "Automated speed enforcement system" means a photographic  
11 device, radar device, laser device, or other electrical or  
12 mechanical device or devices installed or utilized in a safety  
13 zone and designed to record the speed of a vehicle and obtain a  
14 clear photograph or other recorded image of the vehicle and  
15 the vehicle's registration plate or digital registration plate  
16 while the driver is violating Article VI of Chapter 11 of this  
17 Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance.

18 An automated speed enforcement system is a system, located  
19 in a safety zone which is under the jurisdiction of a  
20 municipality, that produces a recorded image of a motor  
21 vehicle's violation of a provision of this Code or a local  
22 ordinance and is designed to obtain a clear recorded image of  
23 the vehicle and the vehicle's license plate. The recorded

1 image must also display the time, date, and location of the  
2 violation.

3 "Owner" means the person or entity to whom the vehicle is  
4 registered.

5 "Recorded image" means images recorded by an automated  
6 speed enforcement system on:

7 (1) 2 or more photographs;

8 (2) 2 or more microphotographs;

9 (3) 2 or more electronic images; or

10 (4) a video recording showing the motor vehicle and,  
11 on at least one image or portion of the recording, clearly  
12 identifying the registration plate or digital registration  
13 plate number of the motor vehicle.

14 "Safety zone" means an area that is within one-eighth of a  
15 mile from the nearest property line of any public or private  
16 elementary or secondary school, or from the nearest property  
17 line of any facility, area, or land owned by a school district  
18 that is used for educational purposes approved by the Illinois  
19 State Board of Education, not including school district  
20 headquarters or administrative buildings. A safety zone also  
21 includes an area that is within one-eighth of a mile from the  
22 nearest property line of any facility, area, or land owned by a  
23 park district used for recreational purposes. However, if any  
24 portion of a roadway is within either one-eighth mile radius,  
25 the safety zone also shall include the roadway extended to the  
26 furthest portion of the next furthest intersection. The term

1 "safety zone" does not include any portion of the roadway  
2 known as Lake Shore Drive or any controlled access highway  
3 with 8 or more lanes of traffic or any roadway in which the 30  
4 mile per hour maximum speed limit is decreased by local  
5 ordinance without an engineering or traffic investigation in  
6 accordance with subsection (b) of Section 11-604 after the  
7 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General  
8 Assembly.

9 (a-5) The automated speed enforcement system shall be  
10 operational and violations shall be recorded only at the  
11 following times:

12 (i) if the safety zone is based upon the property line  
13 of any facility, area, or land owned by a school district,  
14 only on school days and no earlier than 6 a.m. and no later  
15 than 8:30 p.m. if the school day is during the period of  
16 Monday through Thursday, or 9 p.m. if the school day is a  
17 Friday; and

18 (ii) if the safety zone is based upon the property  
19 line of any facility, area, or land owned by a park  
20 district, no earlier than one hour prior to the time that  
21 the facility, area, or land is open to the public or other  
22 patrons, and no later than one hour after the facility,  
23 area, or land is closed to the public or other patrons.

24 (b) A municipality that produces a recorded image of a  
25 motor vehicle's violation of a provision of this Code or a  
26 local ordinance must make the recorded images of a violation

1 accessible to the alleged violator by providing the alleged  
2 violator with a website address, accessible through the  
3 Internet.

4 (c) Notwithstanding any penalties for any other violations  
5 of this Code, the owner of a motor vehicle used in a traffic  
6 violation recorded by an automated speed enforcement system  
7 shall be subject to the following penalties:

8 (1) if the recorded speed is no less than 6 miles per  
9 hour and no more than 10 miles per hour over the legal  
10 speed limit, a civil penalty not exceeding \$50, plus an  
11 additional penalty of not more than \$50 for failure to pay  
12 the original penalty in a timely manner; or

13 (2) if the recorded speed is more than 10 miles per  
14 hour over the legal speed limit, a civil penalty not  
15 exceeding \$100, plus an additional penalty of not more  
16 than \$100 for failure to pay the original penalty in a  
17 timely manner.

18 A penalty may not be imposed under this Section if the  
19 driver of the motor vehicle received a Uniform Traffic  
20 Citation from a police officer for a speeding violation  
21 occurring within one-eighth of a mile and 15 minutes of the  
22 violation that was recorded by the system. A violation for  
23 which a civil penalty is imposed under this Section is not a  
24 violation of a traffic regulation governing the movement of  
25 vehicles and may not be recorded on the driving record of the  
26 owner of the vehicle. A law enforcement officer is not

1 required to be present or to witness the violation. No penalty  
2 may be imposed under this Section if the recorded speed of a  
3 vehicle is 5 miles per hour or less over the legal speed limit.  
4 The municipality may send, in the same manner that notices are  
5 sent under this Section, a speed violation warning notice  
6 where the violation involves a speed of 5 miles per hour or  
7 less above the legal speed limit.

8 (d) The net proceeds that a municipality receives from  
9 civil penalties imposed under an automated speed enforcement  
10 system, after deducting all non-personnel and personnel costs  
11 associated with the operation and maintenance of such system,  
12 shall be expended or obligated by the municipality for the  
13 following purposes:

14 (i) public safety initiatives to ensure safe passage  
15 around schools, and to provide police protection and  
16 surveillance around schools and parks, including but not  
17 limited to: (1) personnel costs; and (2) non-personnel  
18 costs such as construction and maintenance of public  
19 safety infrastructure and equipment;

20 (ii) initiatives to improve pedestrian and traffic  
21 safety;

22 (iii) construction and maintenance of infrastructure  
23 within the municipality, including but not limited to  
24 roads and bridges; and

25 (iv) after school programs.

26 (e) For each violation of a provision of this Code or a

1 local ordinance recorded by an automated speed enforcement  
2 system, the municipality having jurisdiction shall issue a  
3 written notice of the violation to the registered owner of the  
4 vehicle as the alleged violator. The notice shall be delivered  
5 to the registered owner of the vehicle, by mail, within 30 days  
6 after the Secretary of State notifies the municipality of the  
7 identity of the owner of the vehicle, but in no event later  
8 than 90 days after the violation.

9 (f) The notice required under subsection (e) of this  
10 Section shall include:

11 (1) the name and address of the registered owner of  
12 the vehicle;

13 (2) the registration number of the motor vehicle  
14 involved in the violation;

15 (3) the violation charged;

16 (4) the date, time, and location where the violation  
17 occurred;

18 (5) a copy of the recorded image or images;

19 (6) the amount of the civil penalty imposed and the  
20 date by which the civil penalty should be paid;

21 (7) a statement that recorded images are evidence of a  
22 violation of a speed restriction;

23 (8) a warning that failure to pay the civil penalty or  
24 to contest liability in a timely manner is an admission of  
25 liability;

26 (9) a statement that the person may elect to proceed

1 by:

2 (A) paying the fine; or

3 (B) challenging the charge in court, by mail, or  
4 by administrative hearing; and

5 (10) a website address, accessible through the  
6 Internet, where the person may view the recorded images of  
7 the violation.

8 (g) (Blank).

9 (h) Based on inspection of recorded images produced by an  
10 automated speed enforcement system, a notice alleging that the  
11 violation occurred shall be evidence of the facts contained in  
12 the notice and admissible in any proceeding alleging a  
13 violation under this Section.

14 (i) Recorded images made by an automated speed enforcement  
15 system are confidential and shall be made available only to  
16 the alleged violator and governmental and law enforcement  
17 agencies for purposes of adjudicating a violation of this  
18 Section, for statistical purposes, or for other governmental  
19 purposes. Any recorded image evidencing a violation of this  
20 Section, however, may be admissible in any proceeding  
21 resulting from the issuance of the citation.

22 (j) The court or hearing officer may consider in defense  
23 of a violation:

24 (1) that the motor vehicle or registration plates or  
25 digital registration plates of the motor vehicle were  
26 stolen before the violation occurred and not under the

1 control or in the possession of the owner or lessee at the  
2 time of the violation;

3 (1.5) that the motor vehicle was hijacked before the  
4 violation occurred and not under the control of or in the  
5 possession of the owner or lessee at the time of the  
6 violation;

7 (2) that the driver of the motor vehicle received a  
8 Uniform Traffic Citation from a police officer for a  
9 speeding violation occurring within one-eighth of a mile  
10 and 15 minutes of the violation that was recorded by the  
11 system; and

12 (3) any other evidence or issues provided by municipal  
13 ordinance.

14 (k) To demonstrate that the motor vehicle was hijacked or  
15 the motor vehicle or registration plates or digital  
16 registration plates were stolen before the violation occurred  
17 and were not under the control or possession of the owner or  
18 lessee at the time of the violation, the owner or lessee must  
19 submit proof that a report concerning the motor vehicle or  
20 registration plates was filed with a law enforcement agency in  
21 a timely manner.

22 (l) A roadway equipped with an automated speed enforcement  
23 system shall be posted with a sign conforming to the national  
24 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices that is visible to  
25 approaching traffic stating that vehicle speeds are being  
26 photo-enforced and indicating the speed limit. The

1 municipality shall install such additional signage as it  
2 determines is necessary to give reasonable notice to drivers  
3 as to where automated speed enforcement systems are installed.

4 (m) A roadway where a new automated speed enforcement  
5 system is installed shall be posted with signs providing 30  
6 days notice of the use of a new automated speed enforcement  
7 system prior to the issuance of any citations through the  
8 automated speed enforcement system.

9 (n) The compensation paid for an automated speed  
10 enforcement system must be based on the value of the equipment  
11 or the services provided and may not be based on the number of  
12 traffic citations issued or the revenue generated by the  
13 system.

14 (n-1) No member of the General Assembly and no officer or  
15 employee of a municipality or county shall knowingly accept  
16 employment or receive compensation or fees for services from a  
17 vendor that provides automated speed enforcement system  
18 equipment or services to municipalities or counties. No former  
19 member of the General Assembly shall, within a period of 2  
20 years immediately after the termination of service as a member  
21 of the General Assembly, knowingly accept employment or  
22 receive compensation or fees for services from a vendor that  
23 provides automated speed enforcement system equipment or  
24 services to municipalities or counties. No former officer or  
25 employee of a municipality or county shall, within a period of  
26 2 years immediately after the termination of municipal or

1 county employment, knowingly accept employment or receive  
2 compensation or fees for services from a vendor that provides  
3 automated speed enforcement system equipment or services to  
4 municipalities or counties.

5 (o) (Blank).

6 (p) No person who is the lessor of a motor vehicle pursuant  
7 to a written lease agreement shall be liable for an automated  
8 speed or traffic law enforcement system violation involving  
9 such motor vehicle during the period of the lease; provided  
10 that upon the request of the appropriate authority received  
11 within 120 days after the violation occurred, the lessor  
12 provides within 60 days after such receipt the name and  
13 address of the lessee. The drivers license number of a lessee  
14 may be subsequently individually requested by the appropriate  
15 authority if needed for enforcement of this Section.

16 Upon the provision of information by the lessor pursuant  
17 to this subsection, the municipality may issue the violation  
18 to the lessee of the vehicle in the same manner as it would  
19 issue a violation to a registered owner of a vehicle pursuant  
20 to this Section, and the lessee may be held liable for the  
21 violation.

22 (q) A municipality using an automated speed enforcement  
23 system must provide notice to drivers by publishing the  
24 locations of all safety zones where system equipment is  
25 installed on the website of the municipality.

26 (r) A municipality operating an automated speed

1 enforcement system shall conduct a statistical analysis to  
2 assess the safety impact of the system following installation  
3 of the system and every 2 years thereafter. A municipality  
4 operating an automated speed enforcement system before the  
5 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General  
6 Assembly shall conduct a statistical analysis to assess the  
7 safety impact of the system by no later than one year after the  
8 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General  
9 Assembly and every 2 years thereafter. Each statistical  
10 analysis shall be based upon the best available crash,  
11 traffic, and other data, and shall cover a period of time  
12 before and after installation of the system sufficient to  
13 provide a statistically valid comparison of safety impact.  
14 Each statistical analysis shall be consistent with  
15 professional judgment and acceptable industry practice. Each  
16 statistical analysis also shall be consistent with the data  
17 required for valid comparisons of before and after conditions  
18 and shall be conducted within a reasonable period following  
19 the installation of the automated traffic law enforcement  
20 system. Each statistical analysis required by this subsection  
21 shall be made available to the public and shall be published on  
22 the website of the municipality.

23 (s) This Section applies only to municipalities with a  
24 population of 1,000,000 or more inhabitants.

25 (t) If a county or municipality selects a new vendor for  
26 its automated speed enforcement system and must, as a

1 consequence, apply for a permit, approval, or other  
2 authorization from the Department for reinstallation of one or  
3 more malfunctioning components of that system and if, at the  
4 time of the application for the permit, approval, or other  
5 authorization, the new vendor operates an automated speed  
6 enforcement system for any other county or municipality in the  
7 State, then the Department shall approve or deny the county or  
8 municipality's application for the permit, approval, or other  
9 authorization within 90 days after its receipt.

10 (u) The Department may revoke any permit, approval, or  
11 other authorization granted to a county or municipality for  
12 the placement, installation, or operation of an automated  
13 speed enforcement system if any official or employee who  
14 serves that county or municipality is charged with bribery,  
15 official misconduct, or a similar crime related to the  
16 placement, installation, or operation of the automated speed  
17 enforcement system in the county or municipality.

18 The Department shall adopt any rules necessary to  
19 implement and administer this subsection. The rules adopted by  
20 the Department shall describe the revocation process, shall  
21 ensure that notice of the revocation is provided, and shall  
22 provide an opportunity to appeal the revocation. Any county or  
23 municipality that has a permit, approval, or other  
24 authorization revoked under this subsection may not reapply  
25 for such a permit, approval, or other authorization for a  
26 period of 1 year after the revocation.

1 (v) The University of Illinois Chicago Urban  
2 Transportation Center shall conduct a study that includes the  
3 following:

4 (1) a comprehensive review of the City of Chicago's  
5 website multi-year crash data on North and South DuSable  
6 Lake Shore Drive;

7 (2) the available research on potential effectiveness  
8 of cameras powered by artificial intelligence in improving  
9 compliance and reducing crashes and road fatalities on  
10 North and South DuSable Lake Shore Drive;

11 (3) an analysis of driving behavior to detect risky  
12 driving patterns and to address the DuSable Lake Shore  
13 Drive crash corridors;

14 (4) an assessment of the effectiveness of  
15 psychological deterrence in reducing habitual speeding;  
16 and

17 (5) an assessment of how fatalities can be reduced  
18 using these cameras powered by artificial intelligence and  
19 other technical options that may be available in place of  
20 cameras powered by artificial intelligence.

21 The Department shall adopt any rules necessary to  
22 implement this subsection (v).

23 (Source: P.A. 103-364, eff. 7-28-23; 104-381, eff. 1-1-26.)

24 (625 ILCS 5/11-601) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-601)

25 Sec. 11-601. General speed restrictions.

1 (a) No vehicle may be driven upon any highway of this State  
2 at a speed which is greater than is reasonable and proper with  
3 regard to traffic conditions and the use of the highway, or  
4 endangers the safety of any person or property. The fact that  
5 the speed of a vehicle does not exceed the applicable maximum  
6 speed limit does not relieve the driver from the duty to  
7 decrease speed when approaching and crossing an intersection,  
8 approaching and going around a curve, when approaching a hill  
9 crest, when traveling upon any narrow or winding roadway, or  
10 when special hazard exists with respect to pedestrians,  
11 bicyclists, or other traffic or by reason of weather or  
12 highway conditions. Speed must be decreased as may be  
13 necessary to avoid colliding with any person or vehicle on or  
14 entering the highway in compliance with legal requirements and  
15 the duty of all persons to use due care.

16 (a-5) For purposes of this Section, "urban district" does  
17 not include any interstate highway as defined by Section  
18 1-133.1 of this Code which includes all highways under the  
19 jurisdiction of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority.

20 (b) No person may drive a vehicle upon any highway of this  
21 State at a speed which is greater than the applicable  
22 statutory maximum speed limit established by paragraphs (c),  
23 (d), (e), (f) or (g) of this Section, by Section 11-605 or by a  
24 regulation or ordinance made under this Chapter.

25 (c) Unless some other speed restriction is established  
26 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit in an urban

1 district for all vehicles is:

- 2 1. 30 miles per hour; and
- 3 2. 15 miles per hour in an alley.

4 (d) Unless some other speed restriction is established  
5 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban  
6 district for any vehicle is (1) 65 miles per hour for all or  
7 part of highways that are designated by the Department, have  
8 at least 4 lanes of traffic, and have a separation between the  
9 roadways moving in opposite directions and (2) 55 miles per  
10 hour for all other highways, roads, and streets.

11 (d-1) Unless some other speed restriction is established  
12 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban  
13 district for any vehicle is (1) 70 miles per hour on any  
14 interstate highway as defined by Section 1-133.1 of this Code  
15 which includes all highways under the jurisdiction of the  
16 Illinois State Toll Highway Authority; (2) 65 miles per hour  
17 for all or part of highways that are designated by the  
18 Department, have at least 4 lanes of traffic, and have a  
19 separation between the roadways moving in opposite directions;  
20 and (3) 55 miles per hour for all other highways, roads, and  
21 streets. The counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, Madison,  
22 McHenry, St. Clair, and Will may adopt ordinances setting a  
23 maximum speed limit on highways, roads, and streets that is  
24 lower than the limits established by this Section.

25 (e) In the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry,  
26 and Will, unless some lesser speed restriction is established

1 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban  
2 district for a second division vehicle designed or used for  
3 the carrying of a gross weight of 8,001 pounds or more  
4 (including the weight of the vehicle and maximum load) is 60  
5 miles per hour on any interstate highway as defined by Section  
6 1-133.1 of this Code and 55 miles per hour on all other  
7 highways, roads, and streets.

8 (e-1) (Blank).

9 (f) Unless some other speed restriction is established  
10 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban  
11 district for a bus is:

12 1. 65 miles per hour upon any highway which has at  
13 least 4 lanes of traffic and of which the roadways for  
14 traffic moving in opposite directions are separated by a  
15 strip of ground which is not surfaced or suitable for  
16 vehicular traffic, except that the maximum speed limit for  
17 a bus on all highways, roads, or streets not under the  
18 jurisdiction of the Department or the Illinois State Toll  
19 Highway Authority is 55 miles per hour;

20 1.5. 70 miles per hour upon any interstate highway as  
21 defined by Section 1-133.1 of this Code outside the  
22 counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will;  
23 and

24 2. 55 miles per hour on any other highway.

25 (g) (Blank).

26 (Source: P.A. 98-511, eff. 1-1-14; 98-1126, eff. 1-1-15;

1 98-1128, eff. 1-1-15; 99-78, eff. 7-20-15.)

2 (625 ILCS 5/11-604) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-604)

3 Sec. 11-604. Alteration of limits by local authorities.

4 (a) Subject to the limitations set forth in this Section,  
5 the county board of a county may establish absolute maximum  
6 speed limits on all county highways, township roads and  
7 district roads as defined in the Illinois Highway Code, except  
8 those under the jurisdiction of the Department or of the  
9 Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, as described in  
10 Sections 11-602 and 11-603 of this Chapter; and any park  
11 district, city, village, or incorporated town may establish  
12 absolute maximum speed limits on all streets which are within  
13 its corporate limits and which are not under the jurisdiction  
14 of the Department or of such Authority, and for which the  
15 county or a highway commissioner of such county does not have  
16 maintenance responsibility.

17 (b) Whenever any such park district, city, village, or  
18 incorporated town determines, upon the basis of an engineering  
19 or traffic investigation concerning a highway or street on  
20 which it is authorized by this Section to establish speed  
21 limits, that a maximum speed limit prescribed in Section  
22 11-601 of this Chapter is greater or less than is reasonable or  
23 safe with respect to the conditions found to exist at any place  
24 or along any part or zone of such highway or street, the local  
25 authority or park district shall determine and declare by

1 ordinance a reasonable and safe absolute maximum speed limit  
2 at such place or along such part or zone, which:

3 (1) Decreases the limit within an urban district which  
4 shall not require an engineering or traffic investigation  
5 to a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour, but not ~~to~~  
6 less than 20 miles per hour and a maximum speed limit of 10  
7 miles per hour in an alley; or

8 (2) Increases the limit within an urban district, but  
9 not to more than 55 miles per hour, if after increasing the  
10 limit within an urban district an engineering or traffic  
11 investigation is required to decrease the limit as  
12 described in Section 11-601 or in paragraph (1); or

13 (3) Decreases the limit outside of an urban district,  
14 but not to less than 35 miles per hour, except as otherwise  
15 provided in subparagraph 4 of this paragraph; or

16 (4) Decreases the limit within a residence district  
17 which shall not require an engineering or traffic  
18 investigation to a maximum speed limit of 20, ~~but not to~~  
19 ~~less than 25~~ miles per hour, except as otherwise provided  
20 in paragraph (1) ~~subparagraph 1 of this paragraph~~.

21 The park district, city, village, or incorporated town may  
22 make such limit applicable at all times or only during certain  
23 specified times. Not more than 6 such alterations shall be  
24 made per mile along a highway or street; and the difference in  
25 limit between adjacent altered speed zones shall not be more  
26 than 10 miles per hour.

1           A limit so determined and declared by a park district,  
2 city, village, or incorporated town shall be posted with signs  
3 designating the new speed limit and becomes effective, and  
4 suspends the application of the limit prescribed in Section  
5 11-601 of this Chapter, when appropriate signs giving notice  
6 of the limit are erected at the proper place or along the  
7 proper part or zone of the highway or street. Electronic  
8 speed-detecting devices shall not be used within 500 feet  
9 beyond any such sign in the direction of travel; if so used in  
10 violation of this Section evidence obtained thereby shall be  
11 inadmissible in any prosecution for speeding. However, nothing  
12 in this Section prohibits the use of such electronic  
13 speed-detecting devices within 500 feet of a sign within a  
14 special school speed zone indicating such zone, conforming to  
15 the requirements of Section 11-605 of this Act, nor shall  
16 evidence obtained thereby be inadmissible in any prosecution  
17 for speeding provided the use of such device shall apply only  
18 to the enforcement of the speed limit in such special school  
19 speed zone.

20           (c) A county engineer or superintendent of highways may  
21 submit to the Department for approval, a county policy for  
22 establishing altered speed zones on township and county  
23 highways based upon engineering and traffic investigations.

24           (d) Whenever the county board of a county determines that  
25 a maximum speed limit is greater or less than is reasonable or  
26 safe with respect to the conditions found to exist at any place

1 or along any part or zone of the highway or road, the county  
2 board shall determine and declare by ordinance a reasonable  
3 and safe absolute maximum speed limit at that place or along  
4 that part or zone. However, the maximum speed limit shall not  
5 exceed 55 miles per hour. Upon receipt of an engineering study  
6 for the part or zone of highway in question from the county  
7 engineer, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
8 county board of a county may determine and declare by  
9 ordinance a reduction in the maximum speed limit at any place  
10 or along any part or zone of a county highway whenever the  
11 county board, in its sole discretion, determines that the  
12 reduction in the maximum speed limit is reasonable and safe.  
13 The county board shall ~~may~~ post signs designating the new  
14 speed limit. The limit becomes effective, and suspends the  
15 application of the limit prescribed in Section 11-601 of this  
16 Chapter, when appropriate signs giving notice of the limit are  
17 erected at the proper place or along the proper part of the  
18 zone of the highway. Electronic speed-detecting devices shall  
19 not be used within 500 feet beyond any such sign in the  
20 direction of travel; if so used in violation of this Section,  
21 evidence obtained thereby shall be inadmissible in any  
22 prosecution for speeding. However, nothing in this Section  
23 prohibits the use of such electronic speed-detecting devices  
24 within 500 feet of a sign within a special school speed zone  
25 indicating such zone, conforming to the requirements of  
26 Section 11-605 of this Act, nor shall evidence obtained

1     thereby be inadmissible in any prosecution for speeding  
2     provided the use of such device shall apply only to the  
3     enforcement of the speed limit in such special school speed  
4     zone.

5     (Source: P.A. 95-574, eff. 6-1-08; 95-788, eff. 8-7-08.)