

# HB3052



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB3052

by Rep. Thaddeus Jones

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/11E-140 new

Amends the School Code. Provides for the combination of Chicago Heights School District 170 and Ford Heights School District 169 into a new Heights School District 170. Sets forth requirements concerning transitioning the school board and sets forth provisions concerning bonding and tax levies. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
5 11E-140 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/11E-140 new)

7 Sec. 11E-140. Combination of Chicago Heights School  
8 District 170 and Ford Heights School District 169.

9 (a) On July 1, 2018, Chicago Heights School District 170  
10 and Ford Heights School District 169 shall be combined as a  
11 single school district, which may be referred to as Heights  
12 School District 170.

13 (b) The school board of the combined Heights School  
14 District 170 shall consist of the school board of Chicago  
15 Heights School District 170. Following the 2019 consolidated  
16 election, the school board of the combined Heights School  
17 District 170 shall consist of the 4 members of the school board  
18 of Chicago Heights School District 170 whose terms expire in  
19 2021 and the successors to the 3 members of the school board of  
20 Chicago Heights School District 170 whose terms expire in 2019,  
21 who shall be chosen by the electors of the combined Heights  
22 School District 170. All successive members of the school board  
23 shall be chosen by the electors of the combined Heights School

1 District 170.

2 (c) Upon the combination provided for by this Section, any  
3 outstanding bonded indebtedness of Chicago Heights School  
4 District 170 or Ford Heights School District 169 shall be  
5 treated as provided in this subsection (c) and in Section 19-29  
6 of this Code. The tax rate for bonded indebtedness shall be  
7 determined in the manner provided in Section 19-7 of this Code  
8 and, notwithstanding the creation of such district, the county  
9 clerk or clerks shall annually extend taxes for each  
10 outstanding bond issue against all of the taxable property that  
11 was situated within the boundaries of the district, as those  
12 boundaries existed at the time of the issuance of the bond  
13 issue, regardless of whether the property is still contained in  
14 that same district at the time of the extension of the taxes by  
15 the county clerk or clerks; provided that, notwithstanding the  
16 provisions of Section 19-18 of this Code, upon resolution of  
17 the school board, the county clerk must extend taxes to pay the  
18 principal of and interest on any general obligation bonds  
19 issued by the new district exclusively to refund any bonded  
20 indebtedness of a district organized into the new district  
21 against all of the taxable property that was situated within  
22 the boundaries of the previously existing district as the  
23 boundaries existed at the time of the issuance of the bonded  
24 indebtedness being refunded; however, (i) the net interest rate  
25 on the refunding bonds may not exceed the net interest rate on  
26 the refunded bonds, (ii) the final maturity date of the

1 refunding bonds may not extend beyond the final maturity date  
2 of the refunded bonds, and (iii) the tax levy to pay the  
3 refunding bonds in any levy year may not exceed the tax levy  
4 that would have been required to pay the refunded bonds for  
5 that levy year.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
7 becoming law.