

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 Counties Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 5-15003 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-15003) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-15003)

7 Sec. 5-15003. Department of public works. The county board  
8 may establish a department of public works with authority to  
9 exercise complete supervision in such county over any of the  
10 projects authorized by this Division in either of the methods  
11 designated hereafter.

12 A. The county board may employ a superintendent of public  
13 works and such other employees for the administration of the  
14 department as may be necessary. The superintendent shall be a  
15 registered professional engineer, hold a degree in engineering  
16 from an accredited institution of higher learning, or have at  
17 least 10 years of professional, management-level experience in  
18 either a municipal or county public works department. The  
19 superintendent ~~and~~ shall have complete authority to supervise  
20 and manage the department. At least one employee in the public  
21 works department shall be a professional engineer licensed  
22 under the Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989.  ~~or~~

23 B. Each county public works department shall be managed by

1 a board of public works, consisting of 5 members appointed by  
2 the President and Chairman of the county board, with the  
3 approval of the county board, for a 3 year term, except that of  
4 the first appointees, 2 shall serve for one year, 2 for 2  
5 years, and one for 3 years. The term of office of original  
6 appointees shall be regarded as beginning on July 1, following  
7 their appointment, and the term of all members shall continue  
8 until their successors are appointed. At least 2 members must  
9 be elected officials of municipalities within the county whose  
10 terms of office within the municipalities will not expire  
11 prior to the termination of appointment hereunder, one member  
12 must be a member of the county board whose term of office will  
13 not expire prior to the termination of appointment hereunder,  
14 one member must be a trustee of a Sanitary District within the  
15 county whose term of office will not expire prior to the  
16 termination of appointment hereunder, and one member must be  
17 chosen to represent the Conservation and Public Health  
18 interests. The members of the board shall receive compensation  
19 as provided by the county board. The board of public works may  
20 employ a superintendent of public works and any other  
21 employees for the administration of the department as may be  
22 necessary. The superintendent must be a registered  
23 professional engineer, hold a degree in engineering from an  
24 accredited institution of higher learning, or have at least 10  
25 years of professional, management-level experience in either a  
26 municipal or county public works department. Any county may

1 advance general funds for necessary studies or engineering for  
2 a project to be financed by revenue bonds and be reimbursed by  
3 the proceeds of such bonds. Any county may purchase such bonds  
4 with funds derived solely from the County Retailers Occupation  
5 Tax.

6 (Source: P.A. 86-962.)

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