

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 5-1049.2 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 county board members
15 then holding office, at any regular meeting or at any special
16 meeting called for that purpose. However, the county board may
17 authorize any county officer to make leases for terms not
18 exceeding 2 years in a manner determined by the Board.

19 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), upon three-fourths
20 vote, the county board may lease farmland acquired or held by
21 the county for any term not exceeding 5 years. Farmland may be
22 leased to either public or private entities for the public
23 purpose of financially supporting the operations of the

1 government at any time or times and on any terms and conditions
2 that the county board deems best for the interest of the
3 county, including, but not limited to, crop-sharing
4 arrangements.

5 (Source: P.A. 88-526.)

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