

1 AN ACT concerning schools.

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 changing  
5 Section 1A-1 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/1A-1) (from Ch. 122, par. 1A-1)  
7 Sec. 1A-1. State Board of Education; members and terms.

8 (a) The term of each member of the State Board of  
9 Education who is in office on the effective date of this  
10 amendatory Act of 1996 shall terminate on January 1, 1997 or  
11 when all of the new members initially to be appointed under  
12 this amendatory Act of 1996 are appointed by the Governor as  
13 provided in subsection (b), whichever last occurs.

14 (b) Beginning on January 1, 1997 or when all of the new  
15 members initially to be appointed under this subsection are  
16 appointed by the Governor, whichever last occurs, and  
17 thereafter, the State Board of Education shall consist of 9  
18 members, who shall be appointed by the Governor with the  
19 advice and consent of the Senate from a pattern of regional  
20 representation as follows: 2 appointees shall be selected  
21 from among those counties of the State other than Cook County  
22 and the 5 counties contiguous to Cook County; 2 appointees  
23 shall be selected from Cook County, one of whom shall be a  
24 resident of the City of Chicago and one of whom shall be a  
25 resident of that part of Cook County which lies outside the  
26 city limits of Chicago; 2 appointees shall be selected from  
27 among the 5 counties of the State that are contiguous to Cook  
28 County; and 3 members shall be selected as members-at-large.  
29 At no time may more than 5 members of the Board be from one  
30 political party. Party membership is defined as having voted  
31 in the primary of the party in the last primary before

1 appointment. The 9 members initially appointed pursuant to  
2 this amendatory Act of 1996 shall draw lots to determine 3 of  
3 their number who shall serve until the second Wednesday of  
4 January, 2003, 3 of their number who shall serve until the  
5 second Wednesday of January, 2001, and 3 of their number who  
6 shall serve until the second Wednesday of January, 1999.  
7 Upon expiration of the terms of the members initially  
8 appointed under this amendatory Act of 1996, their respective  
9 successors shall be appointed for terms of 6 years, from the  
10 second Wednesday in January of each odd numbered year and  
11 until their respective successors are appointed and  
12 qualified. Vacancies in terms shall be filled by appointment  
13 by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for  
14 the extent of the unexpired term. If a vacancy in membership  
15 occurs at a time when the Senate is not in session, the  
16 Governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next  
17 meeting of the Senate, when the Governor shall appoint a  
18 person to fill that membership for the remainder of its term.  
19 If the Senate is not in session when appointments for a full  
20 term are made, the appointments shall be made as in the case  
21 of vacancies.  
22 (Source: P.A. 89-610, eff. 8-6-96.)