

1 AN ACT regarding 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 changing
5 Section 27-3 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-3) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-3)

7 Sec. 27-3. Patriotism and principles of representative
8 government - Proper use of flag - Method of voting - Pledge
9 of Allegiance. American patriotism and the principles of
10 representative government, as enunciated in the American
11 Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United
12 States of America and the Constitution of the State of
13 Illinois, and the proper use and display of the American
14 flag, shall be taught in all public schools and other
15 educational institutions supported or maintained in whole or
16 in part by public funds. No student shall receive a
17 certificate of graduation without passing a satisfactory
18 examination upon such subjects. The examination must cover
19 material presented in the most recent version of the
20 Constitution Study Guide produced by the State Board of
21 Education and must conform to the relevant knowledge and
22 skills outlined in the Illinois Learning Standards.

23 Instruction shall be given in all such schools and
24 institutions in the method of voting at elections by means of
25 the Australian Ballot system and the method of the counting
26 of votes for candidates.

27 The Pledge of Allegiance shall be recited each school day
28 by pupils in elementary and secondary educational
29 institutions supported or maintained in whole or in part by
30 public funds.

31 (Source: P.A. 92-612, eff. 7-3-02.)

1 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
2 Section 8.27 as follows:

3 (30 ILCS 805/8.27 new)

4 Sec. 8.27. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6
5 and 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required
6 for the implementation of any mandate created by this
7 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
9 July 1, 2003.