



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB0279

Introduced 1/18/2005, by Rep. Dave Winters

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 1290/2

from Ch. 105, par. 327

Amends the Park District Aquarium and Museum Act. Provides that a resolution to levy and collect a tax for the maintenance of aquariums and museums in excess of 0.03 percent but not to exceed 0.15 percent (now, 0.07 percent) of the value of taxable property in the district must be published. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

4 Section 5. The Park District Aquarium and Museum Act is
5 amended by changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 1290/2) (from Ch. 105, par. 327)

7 Sec. 2. Maintenance tax - Limitations - Levy and
8 collection. Each board of park commissioners, having control of
9 a public park or parks within which there shall be maintained
10 any aquarium or any museum or museums of art, industry, science
11 or natural or other history under the provisions of this Act,
12 is hereby authorized, subject to the provisions of Section 4 of
13 this Act, to levy annually a tax not to exceed .03 per cent in
14 park districts of less than 500,000 population and in districts
15 of over 500,000 population not to exceed .15 percent of the
16 full, fair cash value, as equalized or assessed by the
17 Department of Revenue of taxable property embraced in said
18 district, according to the valuation of the same as made for
19 the purpose of State and county taxation by the general
20 assessment last preceding the time when such tax hereby
21 authorized shall be levied: Such tax to be for the purpose of
22 establishing, acquiring, completing, erecting, enlarging,
23 ornamenting, building, rebuilding, rehabilitating, improving,
24 operating, maintaining and caring for such aquarium and museum
25 or museums and the buildings and grounds thereof; and the
26 proceeds of such additional tax shall be kept as a separate
27 fund. Said tax shall be in addition to all other taxes which
28 such board of park commissioners is now or hereafter may be
29 authorized to levy on the aggregate valuation of all taxable
30 property within the park district. Said tax shall be levied and
31 collected in like manner as the general taxes for such parks
32 and shall not be included within any limitation of rate for

1 general park purposes as now or hereafter provided by law but
2 shall be excluded therefrom and be in addition thereto and in
3 excess thereof. Provided, further, that the foregoing
4 limitations upon tax rates, insofar as they are applicable to
5 park districts of less than 500,000 population, may be further
6 increased or decreased according to the referendum provisions
7 of the General Revenue Law of Illinois.

8 Whenever the board of park commissioners of a park district
9 of less than 500,000 population adopts a resolution that it
10 shall levy and collect a tax for the purposes specified in this
11 Section in excess of .03 percent but not to exceed .15 ~~.07~~
12 percent of the value of taxable property in the district, the
13 board shall cause the resolution to be published at least once
14 in a newspaper of general circulation within the district. If
15 there is no such newspaper, the resolution shall be posted in
16 at least 3 public places within the district. The publication
17 or posting of the resolution shall include a notice of (1) the
18 specific number of electors required to sign a petition
19 requesting that the question of the adoption of the resolution
20 be submitted to the electors of the district; (2) the time
21 within which the petition must be filed; and (3) the date of
22 the prospective referendum.

23 The secretary of the park district shall provide a petition
24 form to any individual requesting one.

25 Any taxpayer in such district may, within 30 days after the
26 first publication or posting of the resolution, file with the
27 secretary of the park district a petition signed by not less
28 than 10 percent or 1,500, whichever is lesser, of the electors
29 of the district requesting that the following question be
30 submitted to the electors of the district:

31 "Shall the Park District be authorized to levy an
32 annual tax in excess of but not to exceed as
33 authorized in Section 2 of "An Act concerning aquariums and
34 museums in public parks" for the purpose of establishing,
35 acquiring, completing, erecting, enlarging, ornamenting,
36 building, rebuilding, rehabilitating, improving, operating,

1 maintaining and caring for such aquariums and museum or museums
2 and the buildings and grounds thereof?" The secretary of the
3 park district shall certify the proposition to the proper
4 election authorities for submission to the electorate at a
5 regular scheduled election in accordance with the general
6 election law. If a majority of the electors voting on the
7 proposition vote in favor thereof, such increased tax shall
8 thereafter be authorized; if a majority of the vote is against
9 such proposition, the previous maximum rate shall remain in
10 effect until changed by law.

11 (Source: P.A. 86-329.)

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.