

August 17, 2007

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
95th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 4, entitled "AN ACT concerning local government," with the following specific recommendations for change:

on page 4, line 18 through 25, by deleting "Within 30 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, one additional commissioner shall be appointed to the board of the Springfield Airport Authority from each municipality having a population of 5,000 or more within the Authority, and one additional commissioner shall be appointed at large. The additional commissioners shall serve for a term of 4 or 5 years, as determined by lot. Their successors"; and

on page 5, line 1, by deleting "shall serve for terms of 5 years."; and

on page 20, before line 10, by inserting "(c) Nothing in this Act shall limit the jurisdiction of the Illinois Commerce Commission over railroad safety as provided for in the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law."

With these changes, House Bill 4 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,

ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor