



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB0329

Introduced 1/27/2009, by Rep. Jack D. Franks

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/2-3002

from Ch. 34, par. 2-3002

Amends the Counties Code. Provides for binding referenda (instead of advisory referenda) concerning (i) the number of members of the county board to be elected, (ii) whether the board members should be elected from single-member districts, multi-member districts, or at-large, (iii) whether voters will have cumulative voting rights in the election of county board members, or (iv) any combination of the preceding 3 questions. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT in relation to counties.

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 Section
5 2-3002 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/2-3002) (from Ch. 34, par. 2-3002)

7 Sec. 2-3002. Counties with population of less than
8 3,000,000 and with township form of government.

9 (a) Reapportionment required. By July 1, 1971, and each 10
10 years thereafter, the county board of each county having a
11 population of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants and the township
12 form of government shall reapportion its county so that each
13 member of the county board represents the same number of
14 inhabitants. In reapportioning its county, the county board
15 shall first determine the size of the county board to be
16 elected, which may consist of not less than 5 nor more than 29
17 members and may not exceed the size of the county board in that
18 county on October 2, 1969. The county board shall also
19 determine whether board members shall be elected at large from
20 the county or by county board districts.

21 If the chairman of the county board is to be elected by the
22 voters in a county of less than 450,000 population as provided
23 in Section 2-3007, such chairman shall not be counted as a

1 member of the county board for the purpose of the limitations
2 on the size of a county board provided in this Section.

3 (b) Binding ~~Advisory~~ referenda. The voters of a county may
4 advise the county board, through a binding ~~an advisory~~
5 referendum, on questions concerning (i) the number of members
6 of the county board to be elected, (ii) whether the board
7 members should be elected from single-member districts,
8 multi-member districts, or at-large, (iii) whether voters will
9 have cumulative voting rights in the election of county board
10 members, or (iv) any combination of the preceding 3 questions.
11 The binding ~~advisory~~ referendum may be initiated either by
12 petition or by ordinance of the county board. A written
13 petition for a binding ~~an advisory~~ referendum authorized by
14 this Section must contain the signatures of at least 8% of the
15 votes cast for candidates for Governor in the preceding
16 gubernatorial election by the registered voters of the county
17 and must be filed with the appropriate election authority. An
18 ordinance initiating a binding ~~an advisory~~ referendum
19 authorized by this Section must be approved by a majority of
20 the members of the county board and must be filed with the
21 appropriate election authority. A binding ~~An advisory~~
22 referendum initiated under this Section shall be placed on the
23 ballot at the general election designated in the petition or
24 ordinance.

25 (Source: P.A. 93-308, eff. 7-23-03.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.