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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 375/2.5 new	
10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2	from Ch. 46, par. 2A-1.2
10 ILCS 5/2A-56 new	
40 ILCS 5/22-105 new	
70 ILCS 3615/3B.02	from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703B.02
70 ILCS 3615/3B.03	from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703B.03
70 ILCS 3615/3B.06	from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703B.06
70 ILCS 3615/3B.07	from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703B.07
70 ILCS 3615/3B.12	from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703B.12

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971, the Election Code, the Illinois Pension Code, and the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Provides for the nonpartisan election of a 9-member Commuter Rail Board, beginning at the consolidated election in 2011 (now, an 11-member board is appointed). Eliminates compensation and pension and group insurance benefits for members. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

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

4 Section 5. The State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971
5 is amended by adding Section 2.5 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 375/2.5 new)

7 Sec. 2.5. Application to Commuter Rail Board members. This
8 Act does not apply to any elected member of the Commuter Rail
9 Board established by subsection (b-5) of Section 3B.02 of the
10 Regional Transportation Authority Act or to any person
11 appointed to fill a vacancy on that elected Board.

12 Section 10. The Election Code is amended by changing
13 Section 2A-1.2 and by adding Section 2A-56 as follows:

14 (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 2A-1.2)

15 Sec. 2A-1.2. Consolidated Schedule of Elections - Offices
16 Designated.

17 (a) At the general election in the appropriate
18 even-numbered years, the following offices shall be filled or
19 shall be on the ballot as otherwise required by this Code:

20 (1) Elector of President and Vice President of the
21 United States;

1 (2) United States Senator and United States
2 Representative;

3 (3) State Executive Branch elected officers;

4 (4) State Senator and State Representative;

5 (5) County elected officers, including State's
6 Attorney, County Board member, County Commissioners, and
7 elected President of the County Board or County Chief
8 Executive;

9 (6) Circuit Court Clerk;

10 (7) Regional Superintendent of Schools, except in
11 counties or educational service regions in which that
12 office has been abolished;

13 (8) Judges of the Supreme, Appellate and Circuit
14 Courts, on the question of retention, to fill vacancies and
15 newly created judicial offices;

16 (9) (Blank);

17 (10) Trustee of the Metropolitan Sanitary District of
18 Chicago, and elected Trustee of other Sanitary Districts;

19 (11) Special District elected officers, not otherwise
20 designated in this Section, where the statute creating or
21 authorizing the creation of the district requires an annual
22 election and permits or requires election of candidates of
23 political parties.

24 (b) At the general primary election:

25 (1) in each even-numbered year candidates of political
26 parties shall be nominated for those offices to be filled

1 at the general election in that year, except where pursuant
2 to law nomination of candidates of political parties is
3 made by caucus.

4 (2) in the appropriate even-numbered years the
5 political party offices of State central committeeman,
6 township committeeman, ward committeeman, and precinct
7 committeeman shall be filled and delegates and alternate
8 delegates to the National nominating conventions shall be
9 elected as may be required pursuant to this Code. In the
10 even-numbered years in which a Presidential election is to
11 be held, candidates in the Presidential preference primary
12 shall also be on the ballot.

13 (3) in each even-numbered year, where the municipality
14 has provided for annual elections to elect municipal
15 officers pursuant to Section 6(f) or Section 7 of Article
16 VII of the Constitution, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal
17 Code or pursuant to the municipal charter, the offices of
18 such municipal officers shall be filled at an election held
19 on the date of the general primary election, provided that
20 the municipal election shall be a nonpartisan election
21 where required by the Illinois Municipal Code. For partisan
22 municipal elections in even-numbered years, a primary to
23 nominate candidates for municipal office to be elected at
24 the general primary election shall be held on the Tuesday 6
25 weeks preceding that election.

26 (4) in each school district which has adopted the

1 provisions of Article 33 of the School Code, successors to
2 the members of the board of education whose terms expire in
3 the year in which the general primary is held shall be
4 elected.

5 (c) At the consolidated election in the appropriate
6 odd-numbered years, the following offices shall be filled:

7 (1) Municipal officers, provided that in
8 municipalities in which candidates for alderman or other
9 municipal office are not permitted by law to be candidates
10 of political parties, the runoff election where required by
11 law, or the nonpartisan election where required by law,
12 shall be held on the date of the consolidated election; and
13 provided further, in the case of municipal officers
14 provided for by an ordinance providing the form of
15 government of the municipality pursuant to Section 7 of
16 Article VII of the Constitution, such offices shall be
17 filled by election or by runoff election as may be provided
18 by such ordinance;

19 (2) Village and incorporated town library directors;

20 (3) City boards of stadium commissioners;

21 (4) Commissioners of park districts;

22 (5) Trustees of public library districts;

23 (6) Special District elected officers, not otherwise
24 designated in this section, where the statute creating or
25 authorizing the creation of the district permits or
26 requires election of candidates of political parties;

1 (7) Township officers, including township park
2 commissioners, township library directors, and boards of
3 managers of community buildings, and Multi-Township
4 Assessors;

5 (8) Highway commissioners and road district clerks;

6 (9) Members of school boards in school districts which
7 adopt Article 33 of the School Code;

8 (10) The directors and chairman of the Chain O Lakes -
9 Fox River Waterway Management Agency;

10 (11) Forest preserve district commissioners elected
11 under Section 3.5 of the Downstate Forest Preserve District
12 Act;

13 (11.5) Members of the Commuter Rail Board;

14 (12) Elected members of school boards, school
15 trustees, directors of boards of school directors,
16 trustees of county boards of school trustees (except in
17 counties or educational service regions having a
18 population of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants) and members of
19 boards of school inspectors, except school boards in school
20 districts that adopt Article 33 of the School Code;

21 (13) Members of Community College district boards;

22 (14) Trustees of Fire Protection Districts;

23 (15) Commissioners of the Springfield Metropolitan
24 Exposition and Auditorium Authority;

25 (16) Elected Trustees of Tuberculosis Sanitarium
26 Districts;

1 (17) Elected Officers of special districts not
2 otherwise designated in this Section for which the law
3 governing those districts does not permit candidates of
4 political parties.

5 (d) At the consolidated primary election in each
6 odd-numbered year, candidates of political parties shall be
7 nominated for those offices to be filled at the consolidated
8 election in that year, except where pursuant to law nomination
9 of candidates of political parties is made by caucus, and
10 except those offices listed in paragraphs (12) through (17) of
11 subsection (c).

12 At the consolidated primary election in the appropriate
13 odd-numbered years, the mayor, clerk, treasurer, and aldermen
14 shall be elected in municipalities in which candidates for
15 mayor, clerk, treasurer, or alderman are not permitted by law
16 to be candidates of political parties, subject to runoff
17 elections to be held at the consolidated election as may be
18 required by law, and municipal officers shall be nominated in a
19 nonpartisan election in municipalities in which pursuant to law
20 candidates for such office are not permitted to be candidates
21 of political parties.

22 At the consolidated primary election in the appropriate
23 odd-numbered years, municipal officers shall be nominated or
24 elected, or elected subject to a runoff, as may be provided by
25 an ordinance providing a form of government of the municipality
26 pursuant to Section 7 of Article VII of the Constitution.

1 (e) (Blank).

2 (f) At any election established in Section 2A-1.1, public
3 questions may be submitted to voters pursuant to this Code and
4 any special election otherwise required or authorized by law or
5 by court order may be conducted pursuant to this Code.

6 Notwithstanding the regular dates for election of officers
7 established in this Article, whenever a referendum is held for
8 the establishment of a political subdivision whose officers are
9 to be elected, the initial officers shall be elected at the
10 election at which such referendum is held if otherwise so
11 provided by law. In such cases, the election of the initial
12 officers shall be subject to the referendum.

13 Notwithstanding the regular dates for election of
14 officials established in this Article, any community college
15 district which becomes effective by operation of law pursuant
16 to Section 6-6.1 of the Public Community College Act, as now or
17 hereafter amended, shall elect the initial district board
18 members at the next regularly scheduled election following the
19 effective date of the new district.

20 (g) At any election established in Section 2A-1.1, if in
21 any precinct there are no offices or public questions required
22 to be on the ballot under this Code then no election shall be
23 held in the precinct on that date.

24 (h) There may be conducted a referendum in accordance with
25 the provisions of Division 6-4 of the Counties Code.

26 (Source: P.A. 89-5, eff. 1-1-96; 89-95, eff. 1-1-96; 89-626,

1 eff. 8-9-96; 90-358, eff. 1-1-98.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/2A-56 new)

3 Sec. 2A-56. Commuter Rail Board member. A Commuter Rail
4 Board member under Section 3B.02 of the Regional Transportation
5 Authority Act shall be elected at the consolidated election to
6 succeed each incumbent Commuter Rail Board member whose term
7 expires before the following consolidated election.

8 Section 15. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by adding
9 Section 22-105 as follows:

10 (40 ILCS 5/22-105 new)

11 Sec. 22-105. Application to Commuter Rail Board members.
12 This Code does not apply to any elected member of the Commuter
13 Rail Board established by subsection (b-5) of Section 3B.02 of
14 the Regional Transportation Authority Act or to any person
15 appointed to fill a vacancy on that elected Board.

16 Section 20. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is
17 amended by changing Sections 3B.02, 3B.03, 3B.06, 3B.07, and
18 3B.12 as follows:

19 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.02) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703B.02)

20 Sec. 3B.02. Commuter Rail Board.

21 (a) (Blank.) ~~Until April 1, 2008, the governing body of the~~

1 ~~Commuter Rail Division shall be a board consisting of 7~~
2 ~~directors appointed pursuant to Sections 3B.03 and 3B.04, as~~
3 ~~follows:~~

4 ~~(1) One director shall be appointed by the Chairman of~~
5 ~~the Board of DuPage County with the advice and consent of~~
6 ~~the County Board of DuPage County and shall reside in~~
7 ~~DuPage County.~~

8 ~~(2) Two directors appointed by the Chairmen of the~~
9 ~~County Boards of Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties with~~
10 ~~the concurrence of not less than a majority of the chairmen~~
11 ~~from such counties, from nominees by the Chairmen. Each~~
12 ~~such chairman may nominate not more than two persons for~~
13 ~~each position. Each such director shall reside in a county~~
14 ~~in the metropolitan region other than Cook or DuPage~~
15 ~~County.~~

16 ~~(3) Three directors appointed by the members of the~~
17 ~~Cook County Board elected from that part of Cook County~~
18 ~~outside of Chicago, or, in the event such Board of~~
19 ~~Commissioners becomes elected from single member~~
20 ~~districts, by those Commissioners elected from districts,~~
21 ~~a majority of the residents of which reside outside~~
22 ~~Chicago. In either case, such appointment shall be with the~~
23 ~~concurrence of four such Commissioners. Each such director~~
24 ~~shall reside in that part of Cook County outside Chicago.~~

25 ~~(4) One director appointed by the Mayor of the City of~~
26 ~~Chicago, with the advice and consent of the City Council of~~

1 ~~the City of Chicago. Such director shall reside in the City~~
2 ~~of Chicago.~~

3 ~~(5) The chairman shall be appointed by the directors,~~
4 ~~from the members of the board, with the concurrence of 5 of~~
5 ~~such directors.~~

6 (b) After April 1, 2008 and until May 1, 2011 the governing
7 body of the Commuter Rail Division shall be a board consisting
8 of 11 directors appointed, pursuant to Sections 3B.03 and
9 3B.04, as follows:

10 (1) One Director shall be appointed by the Chairman of
11 the DuPage County Board with the advice and consent of the
12 DuPage County Board and shall reside in DuPage County. To
13 implement the changes in appointing authority under this
14 Section, upon the expiration of the term of or vacancy in
15 office of the Director appointed under item (1) of
16 subsection (a) of this Section who resides in DuPage
17 County, a Director shall be appointed under this
18 subparagraph.

19 (2) One Director shall be appointed by the Chairman of
20 the McHenry County Board with the advice and consent of the
21 McHenry County Board and shall reside in McHenry County. To
22 implement the change in appointing authority under this
23 Section, upon the expiration of the term of or vacancy in
24 office of the Director appointed under item (2) of
25 subsection (a) of this Section who resides in McHenry
26 County, a Director shall be appointed under this

1 subparagraph.

2 (3) One Director shall be appointed by the Will County
3 Executive with the advice and consent of the Will County
4 Board and shall reside in Will County. To implement the
5 change in appointing authority under this Section, upon the
6 expiration of the term of or vacancy in office of the
7 Director appointed under item (2) of subsection (a) of this
8 Section who resides in Will County, a Director shall be
9 appointed under this subparagraph.

10 (4) One Director shall be appointed by the Chairman of
11 the Lake County Board with the advice and consent of the
12 Lake County Board and shall reside in Lake County.

13 (5) One Director shall be appointed by the Chairman of
14 the Kane County Board with the advice and consent of the
15 Kane County Board and shall reside in Kane County.

16 (6) One Director shall be appointed by the Mayor of the
17 City of Chicago with the advice and consent of the City
18 Council of the City of Chicago and shall reside in the City
19 of Chicago. To implement the changes in appointing
20 authority under this Section, upon the expiration of the
21 term of or vacancy in office of the Director appointed
22 under item (4) of subsection (a) of this Section who
23 resides in the City of Chicago, a Director shall be
24 appointed under this subparagraph.

25 (7) Five Directors residing in Cook County outside of
26 the City of Chicago, as follows:

1 (i) One Director who resides in Cook County outside
2 of the City of Chicago, appointed by the President of
3 the Cook County Board with the advice and consent of
4 the members of the Cook County Board.

5 (ii) One Director who resides in the township of
6 Barrington, Palatine, Wheeling, Hanover, Schaumburg,
7 or Elk Grove. To implement the changes in appointing
8 authority under this Section, upon the expiration of
9 the term of or vacancy in office of the Director
10 appointed under paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of this
11 Section who resides in the geographic area described in
12 this subparagraph, a Director shall be appointed under
13 this subparagraph.

14 (iii) One Director who resides in the township of
15 Northfield, New Trier, Maine, Nilas, Evanston, Leyden,
16 Norwood Park, River Forest, or Oak Park.

17 (iv) One Director who resides in the township of
18 Proviso, Riverside, Berwyn, Cicero, Lyons, Stickney,
19 Lemont, Palos, or Orland. To implement the changes in
20 appointing authority under this Section, upon the
21 expiration of the term of or vacancy in office of the
22 Director appointed under paragraph (3) of subsection
23 (a) of this Section who resides in the geographic area
24 described in this subparagraph and whose term of office
25 had not expired as of August 1, 2007, a Director shall
26 be appointed under this subparagraph.

1 (v) One Director who resides in the township of
2 Worth, Calumet, Bremen, Thornton, Rich, or Bloom. To
3 implement the changes in appointing authority under
4 this Section, upon the expiration of the term of or
5 vacancy in office of the Director appointed under
6 paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of this Section who
7 resides in the geographic area described in this
8 subparagraph and whose term of office had expired as of
9 August 1, 2007, a Director shall be appointed under
10 this subparagraph.

11 (vi) The Directors identified under the provisions
12 of subparagraphs (ii) through (v) of this paragraph (7)
13 shall be appointed by the members of the Cook County
14 Board. Each individual Director shall be appointed by
15 those members of the Cook County Board whose Board
16 districts overlap in whole or in part with the
17 geographic territory described in the relevant
18 subparagraph. The vote of County Board members
19 eligible to appoint directors under the provisions of
20 subparagraphs (ii) through (v) of this paragraph (7)
21 shall be weighted by the number of electors residing in
22 those portions of their Board districts within the
23 geographic territory described in the relevant
24 subparagraph (ii) through (v) of this paragraph (7).

25 (8) The Chairman shall be appointed by the Directors,
26 from the members of the Board, with the concurrence of 8 of

1 such Directors. To implement the changes in appointing
2 authority under this Section, upon the expiration of the
3 term of or vacancy in office of the Chairman appointed
4 under item (5) of subsection (a) of this Section, a
5 Chairman shall be appointed under this subparagraph.

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, however,
7 the terms of all members of the Commuter Rail Board serving on
8 April 30, 2011 shall terminate at the close of business on that
9 day, and the Commuter Rail Board shall thereupon be
10 reconstituted as provided in subsection (b-5) of this Section.

11 (b-5) Beginning May 1, 2011, the governing body of the
12 Commuter Rail Division shall be a board consisting of 9
13 directors elected as follows:

14 (1) One director shall be elected by the electors of
15 the City of Chicago and shall represent and reside in the
16 City of Chicago;

17 (2) Three directors shall be elected by the electors of
18 that part of Cook County outside the City of Chicago and
19 shall represent and reside in that part of Cook County;

20 (3) One director shall be elected by the electors of
21 DuPage County and shall represent and reside in DuPage
22 County;

23 (4) One director shall be elected by the electors of
24 Kane County and shall represent and reside in Kane County;

25 (5) One director shall be elected by the electors of
26 Lake County and shall represent and reside in Lake County;

1 (6) One director shall be elected by the electors of
2 McHenry County and shall represent and reside in McHenry
3 County;

4 (7) One director shall be elected by the electors of
5 Will County and shall represent and reside in Will County.

6 The chairman shall be appointed by the directors, from the
7 members of the board, with the concurrence of at least 6 of the
8 directors.

9 The directors provided for in this subsection (b-5) shall
10 be nominated and elected on a nonpartisan basis as provided in
11 Section 3B.03 of this Act and in the Election Code.

12 (c) No director, while serving as such, shall be an
13 officer, a member of the board of directors or trustee or an
14 employee of any transportation agency, or be an employee of the
15 State of Illinois or any department or agency thereof, or of
16 any unit of local government or receive any compensation from
17 any elected or appointed office under the Constitution and laws
18 of Illinois.

19 (d) Each appointment made under subsections (a) and (b) of
20 this Section and under Section 3B.03 shall be certified by the
21 appointing authority to the Commuter Rail Board which shall
22 maintain the certifications as part of the official records of
23 the Commuter Rail Board.

24 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

25 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.03) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703B.03)

1 Sec. 3B.03. Terms, Elections, Vacancies.

2 (a) This subsection (a) applies only to directors appointed
3 under subsection (b) of Section 3B.02. Each director shall be
4 appointed for a term of 4 years, and until his successor has
5 been appointed and qualified. A vacancy shall occur upon the
6 resignation, death, conviction of a felony, or removal from
7 office of a director. Any director may be removed from office
8 upon the concurrence of not less than 8 directors, on a formal
9 finding of incompetence, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in
10 office. Within 30 days after the office of any appointed
11 director becomes vacant for any reason other than the
12 termination of appointed directors under subsection (b-5) of
13 Section 3B.02, the appropriate appointing authorities of such
14 director, as provided in Section 3B.02, shall make an
15 appointment to fill the vacancy. A vacancy shall be filled for
16 the unexpired term.

17 (b) The directors provided for in subsection (b-5) of
18 Section 3B.02 shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis at the
19 consolidated election, beginning in 2011.

20 Nomination shall be by petition, signed by at least 0.1% of
21 the registered voters of the area to be represented, filed with
22 the appropriate election authority in accordance with the
23 general election law. In elections for directors representing
24 that part of Cook County outside the City of Chicago, when more
25 than one such director is to be elected, the electors may vote
26 for as many candidates as there are directors to be elected but

1 may not give any one candidate more than one vote.

2 Of the directors elected in 2011, (i) the directors
3 described in items (3), (5), and (7) of subsection (b-5) of
4 Section 3B.02, and the director described in item (2) thereof
5 who receives the greatest number of votes in the consolidated
6 election, shall be elected for terms of 4 years; and (ii) the
7 directors described in items (1), (4), and (6) of subsection
8 (b-5) of Section 3B.02, and the 2 directors described in item
9 (2) thereof who receive the second and third greatest number of
10 votes, shall be elected for terms of 2 years. Thereafter, all
11 directors shall be elected for terms of 4 years. All terms
12 shall begin on May 1, and directors shall continue to serve
13 until their successors are elected and have qualified.

14 (c) Beginning May 1, 2011, a vacancy shall be filled for
15 the remainder of the term by a person appointed by the county
16 board chairman of the county represented by the director
17 causing the vacancy or, in the case of the director
18 representing the City of Chicago, by the Mayor of the City of
19 Chicago.

20 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

21 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.06) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703B.06)

22 Sec. 3B.06. Compensation; pension; benefits. Until May 1,
23 2011, the ~~The~~ Chairman of the Commuter Rail Board shall receive
24 an annual salary of \$25,000. Until May 1, 2011, ~~Other~~ members
25 of the Commuter Rail Board other than the chairman shall

1 receive an annual salary of \$15,000. Beginning May 1, 2011,
2 members of the Commuter Rail Board, including the chairman,
3 shall receive no annual salary or other compensation for their
4 service in office, except that the chairman and each ~~Each~~
5 member shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the
6 performance of his duties.

7 No service or contribution shall be credited in any
8 retirement system or pension fund, under the Illinois Pension
9 Code or otherwise, to the chairman or any other member of the
10 Board for service in that office beginning on or after May 1,
11 2011, and no public funds shall be appropriated, expended, or
12 otherwise obligated for such a retirement system or pension
13 fund credit. Except as otherwise provided in this Act,
14 beginning May 1, 2011, the chairman or any other member of the
15 Board shall receive no financial benefit or perquisite for his
16 or her service in such office, including without limitation
17 participation in a program of life or health insurance.

18 Officers of the Division shall not be required to comply
19 with the requirements of the Public Funds Statement Publication
20 Act ~~"An Act requiring certain custodians of public monies to~~
21 ~~file and publish statements of the receipts and disbursements~~
22 ~~thereof", approved June 24, 1919, as now or hereafter amended.~~

23 (Source: P.A. 83-1156.)

24 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.07) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703B.07)

25 Sec. 3B.07. Meetings. The Commuter Rail Board shall

1 prescribe the times and places for meetings and the manner in
2 which special meetings may be called. The Commuter Rail Board
3 shall comply in all respects with the "Open Meetings Act", ~~as~~
4 ~~now or hereafter amended~~. All records, documents and papers of
5 the Commuter Rail Division, other than those relating to
6 matters concerning which closed sessions of the Commuter Rail
7 Board may be held, shall be available for public examination,
8 subject to such reasonable regulations as the board may adopt.

9 A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the
10 conduct of business. Until May 1, 2011, the ~~The~~ affirmative
11 votes of at least 6 members shall be necessary for any action
12 required by this Act to be taken by ordinance. Beginning May 1,
13 2011, the affirmative votes of at least 5 members shall be
14 necessary for any action required by this Act to be taken by
15 ordinance.

16 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

17 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.12) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703B.12)

18 Sec. 3B.12. Working Cash Borrowing. The Commuter Rail Board
19 with the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds ~~of 7~~ of its
20 Directors may demand and direct the Board of the Authority to
21 issue Working Cash Notes at such time and in such amounts and
22 having such maturities as the Commuter Rail Board deems proper,
23 provided however any such borrowing shall have been
24 specifically identified in the budget of the Commuter Rail
25 Board as approved by the Board of the Authority. Provided

1 further, that the Commuter Rail Board may not demand and direct
2 the Board of the Authority to have issued and have outstanding
3 at any time in excess of \$20,000,000 in Working Cash Notes.

4 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
6 becoming law.