

1 AN ACT concerning 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 Sections  
5 6-2 and 6-19 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/6-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 6-2)

7 Sec. 6-2. Regional board; creation; membership; abolition  
8 and transfer of duties.

9 (a) There is created a regional board of school trustees  
10 for that territory in each educational service region exclusive  
11 of any school district organized under Article 34 and exclusive  
12 of any school district whose school board has been given the  
13 powers of school trustees; provided that on the effective date  
14 of this amendatory Act of 1992 the regional board of school  
15 trustees theretofore created and existing for any territory in  
16 an educational service region containing 2,000,000 or more  
17 inhabitants is abolished, the terms of office of all members of  
18 the regional board of school trustees so abolished are  
19 terminated on that effective date, and from and after that  
20 effective date all rights, powers, duties, and  
21 responsibilities that were vested in or required by law to be  
22 exercised and performed by the former regional board of school  
23 trustees shall be vested in and exercised and performed by the

1 successors to the former regional board of school trustees as  
2 provided in subsection (b) of this Section 6-2. Any school  
3 district whose board of education acts as a board of school  
4 trustees shall have within its district the powers and duties  
5 of a regional board of school trustees.

6 Unless abolished as provided in this Section, the regional  
7 board of school trustees, in both single county and  
8 multi-county educational service regions, shall consist of 7  
9 members. In single county regions not more than one trustee may  
10 be a resident of any one congressional township; however, in  
11 case there are fewer than 7 congressional townships in the  
12 region then not more than two of such trustees may be residents  
13 of the same congressional township. Notwithstanding the  
14 foregoing residency provision, in a single county region with a  
15 population of greater than 750,000 inhabitants, but less than  
16 1,200,000 inhabitants, 2 trustees may be residents of the same  
17 congressional township if and only if such trustees were  
18 elected at the April 9, 2013 consolidated election. In 2 county  
19 regions at least 2 trustees shall be residents of each county.  
20 In 3 or more county regions at least one trustee shall be a  
21 resident of each county. If more than 7 counties constitute the  
22 educational service region, the regional board of school  
23 trustees shall consist of one resident of each county.

24 In single county educational service regions that have one  
25 or more unexpired terms to be filled at an election, the winner  
26 or winners of the unexpired term or terms shall be determined

1 first and independently of those running for full terms. As  
2 between 2 unexpired terms, the shorter unexpired term shall be  
3 filled first and the winner of the longer unexpired term shall  
4 be determined taking into consideration the congressional  
5 township of the winner of the shorter unexpired term. The  
6 winners of the full terms shall then be determined taking into  
7 consideration the congressional townships of those elected to  
8 fill the unexpired term or terms.

9       The regional board of school trustees shall be a body  
10 politic and corporate by the name of "Regional Board of School  
11 Trustees of.... County (or Counties), Illinois." Such  
12 corporation shall have perpetual existence with power to sue  
13 and be sued and to plead and be impleaded in all courts and  
14 places where judicial proceedings are had.

15       (b) Upon the abolition of the regional board of school  
16 trustees and the termination of the terms of office of the  
17 members of that former regional board of school trustees in an  
18 educational service region containing 2,000,000 or more  
19 inhabitants as provided in subsection (a), the trustees of  
20 schools of each township included within the territory of that  
21 educational service region that was served by the former  
22 regional board of school trustees, or if any such township is a  
23 township referred to in subsection (b) of Section 5-1 and there  
24 are no trustees of schools acting in that township then the  
25 school board of each school district located in that township,  
26 shall be the successors to the former regional board of school

1 trustees. As successors to the former regional board of school  
2 trustees, the trustees of schools of each such township and the  
3 school board of each such school district, with respect to all  
4 territory included within the school township or school  
5 district served by the trustees of schools of the township or  
6 school board, shall be vested with and shall exercise and  
7 perform all rights, powers, duties, and responsibilities  
8 formerly held, exercised, and performed with respect to that  
9 territory by the regional board of school trustees abolished  
10 under subsection (a) of this Section.

11 Upon abolition of the regional board of school trustees in  
12 an educational service region having 2,000,000 or more  
13 inhabitants as provided in subsection (a) of this Section, all  
14 books, records, maps, papers, documents, equipment, supplies,  
15 accounts, deposits, and other personal property belonging to or  
16 subject to the control or disposition of the former regional  
17 board of school trustees (excepting only such items as may have  
18 been provided by the county board) shall be transferred and  
19 delivered to the trustees of schools of the townships and the  
20 school boards that are the successors to the former regional  
21 board of school trustees for the territory included within  
22 their respective school townships or school districts.

23 From and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
24 1992, any reference in the School Code or any other law of this  
25 State to the regional board of school trustees or county board  
26 of school trustees shall mean, with respect to all territory

1 within an educational service region containing 2,000,000 or  
2 more inhabitants that formerly was served by a regional board  
3 of school trustees abolished under subsection (a) of this  
4 Section, the trustees of schools of the township or the school  
5 board of the school district that is the successor to the  
6 former regional board of school trustees with respect to the  
7 territory included within that school township or school  
8 district.

9 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

10 (105 ILCS 5/6-19) (from Ch. 122, par. 6-19)

11 Sec. 6-19. Vacancy on regional board. Subject to the  
12 residency provisions in Section 6-2 of this Code, any vacancy  
13 on the regional board of school trustees shall be filled ~~from~~  
14 ~~the same territory~~ by the remaining members until the next  
15 regular election for members of the regional board of school  
16 trustees, when the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired  
17 time. Removal of a member from the township from which such  
18 member was elected into a township which has its quota of  
19 members on the board shall constitute a vacancy.

20 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
22 2014.