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Introduced 1/30/2013, by Sen. Don Harmon

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/3-5018	from Ch. 34, par. 3-5018
70 ILCS 920/5.4	
510 ILCS 5/7	from Ch. 8, par. 357

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that in a county that maintains a countywide map through a Geographic Information System (GIS), a charge may be added to specified filing fees in order to defray the cost of providing automated access, in addition to electronic access, to the county's GIS or property records (now, records). Amends the Tuberculosis Sanitarium District Act. Provides that upon dissolution of the Suburban Cook County Tuberculosis Sanitarium District, monetary assets of the District deposited into a special fund may be used for the prevention, care, treatment, and control of tuberculosis and other communicable diseases in or associated with suburban Cook County. Amends the Animal Control Act. Provides that amounts from the Animal Control Fund may be used to aid in costs incurred for enforcement of the Act or any county or municipal ordinance relating to public health and public nuisances, in addition to animal control. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning local government.

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

Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing Section
3-5018 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/3-5018) (from Ch. 34, par. 3-5018)

7 Sec. 3-5018. Fees. The recorder elected as provided for in 8 this Division shall receive such fees as are or may be provided 9 for him or her by law, in case of provision therefor: otherwise he or she shall receive the same fees as are or may be provided 10 in this Section, except when increased by county ordinance 11 pursuant to the provisions of this Section, to be paid to the 12 county clerk for his or her services in the office of recorder 13 14 for like services.

For recording deeds or other instruments, \$12 for the first 4 pages thereof, plus \$1 for each additional page thereof, plus \$1 for each additional document number therein noted. The aggregate minimum fee for recording any one instrument shall not be less than \$12.

For recording deeds or other instruments wherein the premises affected thereby are referred to by document number and not by legal description, a fee of \$1 in addition to that hereinabove referred to for each document number therein noted. For recording assignments of mortgages, leases or liens, \$12 for the first 4 pages thereof, plus \$1 for each additional page thereof. However, except for leases and liens pertaining to oil, gas and other minerals, whenever a mortgage, lease or lien assignment assigns more than one mortgage, lease or lien document, a \$7 fee shall be charged for the recording of each such mortgage, lease or lien document after the first one.

8 For recording maps or plats of additions or subdivisions 9 approved by the county or municipality (including the spreading 10 of the same of record in map case or other proper books) or plats of condominiums, \$50 for the first page, plus \$1 for each 11 12 additional page thereof except that in the case of recording a 13 single page, legal size $8 1/2 \times 14$, plat of survey in which there are no more than two lots or parcels of land, the fee 14 15 shall be \$12. In each county where such maps or plats are to be 16 recorded, the recorder may require the same to be accompanied 17 by such number of exact, true and legible copies thereof as the recorder deems necessary for the efficient conduct 18 and operation of his or her office. 19

For non-certified copies of records, an amount not to exceed one-half of the amount provided in this Section for certified copies, according to a standard scale of fees, established by county ordinance and made public. The provisions of this paragraph shall not be applicable to any person or entity who obtains non-certified copies of records in the following manner: (i) in bulk for all documents recorded on any

given day in an electronic or paper format for a negotiated amount less than the amount provided for in this paragraph for non-certified copies, (ii) under a contractual relationship with the recorder for a negotiated amount less than the amount provided for in this paragraph for non-certified copies, or (iii) by means of Internet access pursuant to Section 5-1106.1.

8 For certified copies of records, the same fees as for 9 recording, but in no case shall the fee for a certified copy of 10 a map or plat of an addition, subdivision or otherwise exceed 11 \$10.

Each certificate of such recorder of the recording of the deed or other writing and of the date of recording the same signed by such recorder, shall be sufficient evidence of the recording thereof, and such certificate including the indexing of record, shall be furnished upon the payment of the fee for recording the instrument, and no additional fee shall be allowed for the certificate or indexing.

19 The recorder shall charge an additional fee, in an amount 20 equal to the fee otherwise provided by law, for recording a 21 document (other than a document filed under the Plat Act or the 22 Uniform Commercial Code) that does not conform to the following 23 standards:

(1) The document shall consist of one or more
 individual sheets measuring 8.5 inches by 11 inches, not
 permanently bound and not a continuous form. Graphic

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1 displays accompanying a document to be recorded that 2 measure up to 11 inches by 17 inches shall be recorded 3 without charging an additional fee.

4 (2) The document shall be legibly printed in black ink,
5 by hand, type, or computer. Signatures and dates may be in
6 contrasting colors if they will reproduce clearly.

7 (3) The document shall be on white paper of not less 8 than 20-pound weight and shall have a clean margin of at 9 least one-half inch on the top, the bottom, and each side. 10 Margins may be used for non-essential notations that will 11 not affect the validity of the document, including but not 12 limited to form numbers, page numbers, and customer 13 notations.

14 (4) The first page of the document shall contain a
15 blank space, measuring at least 3 inches by 5 inches, from
16 the upper right corner.

17 (5) The document shall not have any attachment stapled18 or otherwise affixed to any page.

A document that does not conform to these standards shall not be recorded except upon payment of the additional fee required under this paragraph. This paragraph, as amended by this amendatory Act of 1995, applies only to documents dated after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1995.

The county board of any county may provide for an additional charge of \$3 for filing every instrument, paper, or notice for record, (1) in order to defray the cost of 1 converting the county recorder's document storage system to 2 computers or micrographics and (2) in order to defray the cost 3 of providing access to records through the global information 4 system known as the Internet.

A special fund shall be set up by the treasurer of the county and such funds collected pursuant to Public Act 83-1321 shall be used (1) for a document storage system to provide the equipment, materials and necessary expenses incurred to help defray the costs of implementing and maintaining such a document records system and (2) for a system to provide electronic access to those records.

12 The county board of any county that provides and maintains 13 a countywide map through a Geographic Information System (GIS) may provide for an additional charge of \$3 for filing every 14 15 instrument, paper, or notice for record (1) in order to defray 16 the cost of implementing or maintaining the county's Geographic 17 Information System and (2) in order to defray the cost of providing electronic or automated access to the county's 18 19 Geographic Information System or property records. Of that 20 amount, \$2 must be deposited into a special fund set up by the treasurer of the county, and any moneys collected pursuant to 21 22 this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly and deposited 23 into that fund must be used solely for the equipment, materials, and necessary expenses incurred in implementing and 24 25 maintaining a Geographic Information System and in order to 26 defray the cost of providing electronic access to the county's

Geographic Information System records. The remaining \$1 must be 1 2 deposited into the recorder's special funds created under Section 3-5005.4. The recorder may, in his or her discretion, 3 use moneys in the funds created under Section 3-5005.4 to 4 5 defray the cost of implementing or maintaining the county's 6 Geographic Information System and to defray the cost of 7 providing electronic access to the county's Geographic 8 Information System records.

9 The recorder shall collect a \$10 Rental Housing Support 10 Program State surcharge for the recordation of any real 11 estate-related document. Payment of the Rental Housing Support 12 Program State surcharge shall be evidenced by a receipt that 13 shall be marked upon or otherwise affixed to the real estate-related document by the recorder. The form of this 14 15 receipt shall be prescribed by the Department of Revenue and 16 the receipts shall be issued by the Department of Revenue to 17 each county recorder.

18 The recorder shall not collect the Rental Housing Support 19 Program State surcharge from any State agency, any unit of 20 local government or any school district.

One dollar of each surcharge shall be retained by the county in which it was collected. This dollar shall be deposited into the county's general revenue fund. Fifty cents of that amount shall be used for the costs of administering the Rental Housing Support Program State surcharge and any other lawful expenditures for the operation of the office of the

1 recorder and may not be appropriated or expended for any other 2 purpose. The amounts available to the recorder for expenditure 3 from the surcharge shall not offset or reduce any other county 4 appropriations or funding for the office of the recorder.

5 On the 15th day of each month, each county recorder shall report to the Department of Revenue, on a form prescribed by 6 7 the Department, the number of real estate-related documents 8 recorded for which the Rental Housing Support Program State 9 surcharge was collected. Each recorder shall submit \$9 of each 10 surcharge collected in the preceding month to the Department of 11 Revenue and the Department shall deposit these amounts in the 12 Rental Housing Support Program Fund. Subject to appropriation, 13 amounts in the Fund may be expended only for the purpose of 14 funding and administering the Rental Housing Support Program.

For purposes of this Section, "real estate-related document" means that term as it is defined in Section 7 of the Rental Housing Support Program Act.

The foregoing fees allowed by this Section are the maximum 18 19 fees that may be collected from any officer, agency, department 20 or other instrumentality of the State. The county board may, however, by ordinance, increase the fees allowed by this 21 22 Section and collect such increased fees from all persons and 23 entities other than officers, agencies, departments and other instrumentalities of the State if the increase is justified by 24 25 an acceptable cost study showing that the fees allowed by this Section are not sufficient to cover the cost of providing the 26

service. Regardless of any other provision in this Section, the 1 2 maximum fee that may be collected from the Department of 3 Revenue for filing or indexing a lien, certificate of lien release or subordination, or any other type of notice or other 4 5 documentation affecting or concerning a lien is \$5. Regardless of any other provision in this Section, the maximum fee that 6 7 may be collected from the Department of Revenue for indexing 8 each additional name in excess of one for any lien, certificate 9 of lien release or subordination, or any other type of notice 10 or other documentation affecting or concerning a lien is \$1.

A statement of the costs of providing each service, program and activity shall be prepared by the county board. All supporting documents shall be public record and subject to public examination and audit. All direct and indirect costs, as defined in the United States Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87, may be included in the determination of the costs of each service, program and activity.

18 (Source: P.A. 96-1356, eff. 7-28-10.)

Section 10. The Tuberculosis Sanitarium District Act is amended by changing Section 5.4 as follows:

21 (70 ILCS 920/5.4)

22 Sec. 5.4. Dissolution of Suburban Cook County Tuberculosis 23 Sanitarium District; disposition of land and real estate; 24 continuation of District levy.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
 the Suburban Cook County Tuberculosis Sanitarium District is
 dissolved by operation of law one year after the effective date
 of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly.

5 (b) On or before the day 2 months after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, the Board 6 7 of Directors shall forward to the Cook County Department of 8 Public Health all transition plans relating to the 9 consolidation of all of the existing programs, personnel, and 10 infrastructure of the District into the Cook County Bureau of 11 Health Services to be administered by the Cook County 12 Department of Public Health. Beginning on the effective date of 13 this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, the District 14 shall not make any enhancements to pensions.

15 (c) Upon dissolution of the District: (i) all assets and 16 liabilities of the Suburban Cook County Tuberculosis 17 Sanitarium District dissolved under this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly shall be transferred to the Cook County 18 19 Board and the monetary assets shall be deposited into a special 20 purpose fund for the prevention, care, treatment, and control and other communicable diseases 21 of tuberculosis in or 22 associated with suburban Cook County; (ii) the Cook County 23 Department of Public Health shall assume all responsibility for the prevention, care, treatment, and control of tuberculosis 24 25 within the area of the Suburban Cook County Tuberculosis 26 Sanitarium District dissolved under this amendatory Act of the

94th General Assembly, including the provision of tuberculosis
 care and treatment for units of local government with
 State-certified local public health departments; and (iii)
 employees of the Suburban Cook County Tuberculosis Sanitarium
 District become employees of Cook County.

6 (d) The Cook County Board may transfer to the Cook County 7 Forest Preserve District appropriate unimproved real estate 8 owned by the Suburban Cook County Tuberculosis Sanitarium 9 District at the time of its dissolution. After the dissolution 10 of the District, any land owned by the District at the time of 11 its dissolution remains subject to any leases and encumbrances 12 that existed upon the dissolution of the District and, if the land is subject to a lease, the land may not be taken by any 13 14 unit of government during the term of the lease.

15 (e) Upon the dissolution of the Suburban Cook County 16 Tuberculosis Sanitarium District, any levy imposed by the 17 dissolved District is abolished. In accordance with subsection 18 (b) of Section 12 of the State Revenue Sharing Act, the tax 19 base of the dissolved Suburban Cook County Tuberculosis 20 Sanitarium District shall be added to the tax base of Cook 21 County.

22 (Source: P.A. 94-1050, eff. 7-24-06.)

23 Section 15. The Animal Control Act is amended by changing 24 Section 7 as follows:

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(510 ILCS 5/7) (from Ch. 8, par. 357)

2 Sec. 7. All registration fees collected shall be remitted 3 to the County Treasurer, who shall place the monies in an Animal Control Fund. This fund shall be set up by him for the 4 5 purpose of paying costs of the Animal Control Program. All fees collected shall be used for the purpose of paying claims for 6 loss of livestock or poultry as set forth in Section 19 of this 7 Act and for the following purposes as established by ordinance 8 9 of the County Board: funds may be utilized by local health 10 departments or county nurse's offices for the purchase of human rabies anti-serum, human vaccine, the cost for administration 11 12 of serum or vaccine, minor medical care, and for paying the cost of stray dog control, impoundment, education on animal 13 14 control and rabies, and other costs incurred in carrying out 15 the provisions and enforcement of this Act or any county or 16 municipal ordinance concurred in by the Department relating to 17 animal control, public health, or public nuisances, except as set forth in Section 19. Counties of 100,000 inhabitants or 18 more may assume self-insurance liability to pay claims for the 19 20 loss of livestock or poultry.

21 (Source: P.A. 87-151.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect uponbecoming law.