STATE OF ILLINOIS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR SPRINGFIELD, 62706

GEORGE H. RYAN GOVERNOR

July 24, 2001

To the Honorable Members of the Illinois House of Representatives 92nd General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto and return House Bill 442 entitled "AN ACT concerning sanitary districts."

House Bill 442 amends the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act. It provides that the District must levy a direct annual tax to pay the principal interest on indebtedness within 30 years after contracting the debt (now at least within 20 years after contracting the debt).

I fully support the provisions in House Bill 442; however, I have already signed into law Senate Bill 93 that contains identical provisions.

For these reasons, I hereby veto and return House Bill 442.

Sincerely, s/GEORGE H. RYAN Governor