

1 AN ACT concerning townships.

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

4 Section 5. The Township Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 235-20 as follows:

6 (60 ILCS 1/235-20)

7 Sec. 235-20. General assistance tax.

8 (a) The township board may raise money by taxation  
9 deemed necessary to be expended to provide general assistance  
10 in the township to persons needing that assistance as  
11 provided in the Illinois Public Aid Code, including persons  
12 eligible for assistance under the Military Veterans  
13 Assistance Act, where that duty is provided by law. The tax  
14 for each fiscal year shall not be more than 0.10% of value,  
15 or more than an amount approved at a referendum held under  
16 this Section, as equalized or assessed by the Department of  
17 Revenue, and shall in no case exceed the amount needed in the  
18 township for general assistance. The board may decrease the  
19 maximum tax rate by ordinance.

20 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if  
21 the board desires to increase the maximum tax rate, it shall  
22 order a referendum on that proposition to be held at an  
23 election in accordance with the general election law. The  
24 board shall certify the proposition to the proper election  
25 officials, who shall submit the proposition to the voters at  
26 an election in accordance with the general election law. If  
27 a majority of the votes cast on the proposition is in favor  
28 of the proposition, the board may annually levy the tax at a  
29 rate not exceeding the higher rate approved by the voters at  
30 the election. If, however, the board has decreased the  
31 maximum tax rate under subsection (a), then it may, at any

1 time after the decrease, increase the maximum tax rate, by  
2 ordinance, to a rate less than or equal to the maximum tax  
3 rate immediately prior to the board's ordinance to decrease  
4 the rate.

5 (c) If a city, village, or incorporated town having a  
6 population of more than 500,000 is located within or  
7 partially within a township, then the entire amount of the  
8 tax levied by the township for the purpose of providing  
9 general assistance under this Section on property lying  
10 within that city, village, or incorporated town, less the  
11 amount allowed for collecting the tax, shall be paid over by  
12 the treasurer of the township to the treasurer of the city,  
13 village, or incorporated town to be appropriated and used by  
14 the city, village, or incorporated town for the relief and  
15 support of persons needing general assistance residing in  
16 that portion of the city, village, or incorporated town  
17 located within the township in accordance with the Illinois  
18 Public Aid Code.

19 (d) Any taxes levied for general assistance before or  
20 after this Section takes effect may also be used for the  
21 payment of warrants issued against and in anticipation of  
22 those taxes and accrued interest on those warrants and may  
23 also be used to pay the cost of administering that  
24 assistance.

25 (e) In any township with a population of less than  
26 500,000 that receives no State funding for the general  
27 assistance program and that has not issued anticipation  
28 warrants or otherwise borrowed monies for the administration  
29 of the general assistance program during the township's  
30 previous 3 fiscal years of operation, a one time transfer of  
31 monies from the township's general assistance fund may be  
32 made to the general township fund pursuant to action by the  
33 township board. This transfer may occur only to the extent  
34 that the amount of monies remaining in the general assistance

1 fund after the transfer is equal to the greater of (i) the  
2 amount of the township's expenditures in the previous fiscal  
3 year for general assistance or (ii) an amount equal to 0.10%  
4 of the last known total equalized value of all taxable  
5 property in the township. The transfer shall be completed no  
6 later than the end of fiscal year 1992. No township that has  
7 certified a new levy or an increase in the levy under this  
8 Section during calendar year 1990 may transfer monies under  
9 this subsection. No action on the transfer of monies under  
10 this subsection shall be taken by the township board except  
11 at a township board meeting. No monies transferred under this  
12 subsection shall be considered in determining whether the  
13 township qualifies for State funds to supplement local funds  
14 for public aid purposes under Section 12-21.13 of the  
15 Illinois Public Aid Code.

16 (Source: P.A. 86-1379; 86-1480; 87-14; 87-895; 88-62.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
18 becoming law.