

1           AN ACT concerning zoological parks in forest preserve  
2 districts.

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

5           Section 5. The Forest Preserve Zoological Parks Act is  
6 amended by changing Sections 1 and 2 as follows:

7           (70 ILCS 835/1) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6801)

8           Sec. 1. The corporate authorities of forest preserve  
9 districts, containing a population of 140,000 ~~150,000~~ or more  
10 located in counties of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants,  
11 having the control or supervision of any forest preserves,  
12 may erect and maintain within such forest preserves, under  
13 the control or supervision of such corporate authorities,  
14 edifices to be used for the collection and display of animals  
15 as customary in zoological parks, and may collect and display  
16 such animals, or permit the directors or trustees of any  
17 zoological society devoted to the purposes aforesaid to erect  
18 and maintain a zoological park and to collect and display  
19 zoological collections within any forest preserve now or  
20 hereafter under the control or supervision of such forest  
21 preserve district, out of funds belonging to such zoological  
22 society, or to contract with the directors or trustees of any  
23 zoological society on such terms and conditions as may to  
24 such corporate authorities seem best, relative to the  
25 erection, operation and maintenance of a zoological park and  
26 the collection and display of such animals within such forest  
27 preserve, out of the tax hereinafter in this Act provided.

28           This Act applies to any forest preserve district that  
29 maintains a zoological park that was established under this  
30 Act prior to 1964, regardless of whether the population  
31 requirements continue to be met.

1           Such a forest preserve district, or the directors or  
2 trustees of such zoological society when so authorized by the  
3 forest preserve district, may (a) police the property of the  
4 zoological park, (b) employ, establish, maintain and equip a  
5 security force for fire and police protection of the  
6 zoological park and (c) provide that the personnel of the  
7 security force shall perform other tasks relating to the  
8 maintenance and operation of the zoological park. Members of  
9 the security force shall be conservators of the peace with  
10 all the powers of policemen in cities and of sheriffs, other  
11 than to serve or execute civil processes, but such powers may  
12 be exercised only within the area comprising the zoological  
13 park when required to protect the zoological park's property  
14 and interests, its personnel and persons using the facilities  
15 or at the specific request of appropriate federal, State or  
16 local law enforcement officials.

17           Such forest preserve district may charge, or permit such  
18 zoological society to charge an admission fee. The proceeds  
19 of such admission fee shall be devoted exclusively to the  
20 operation and maintenance of such zoological park and the  
21 collections therein. All such zoological parks shall be open  
22 to the public without charge for at least one day each week  
23 and to the children in actual attendance upon any of the  
24 schools in the State at all times, except that charges may be  
25 made at any time for special services and for admission to  
26 special facilities within any zoological park for the  
27 education, entertainment or convenience of visitors.

28           (Source: P.A. 91-817, eff. 6-13-00.)

29           (70 ILCS 835/2) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6802)

30           Sec. 2. For the purpose of constructing and maintaining  
31 and caring for any such zoological park and the buildings and  
32 grounds thereof and of securing and displaying zoological  
33 collections thereon the corporate authorities of any forest

1 preserve district containing a population of 150,000 or more  
2 but less than 3,000,000 are authorized to levy annually a tax  
3 of not to exceed .0058% of value as equalized or assessed by  
4 the Department of Revenue, upon all the taxable property in  
5 the district; provided however, in a forest preserve district  
6 located in a county with a population in excess of 140,000  
7 ~~150,000~~ but less than 200,000 and contiguous to the  
8 Mississippi River, the annual tax may be at a rate not to  
9 exceed .01%. This tax shall be levied and collected in the  
10 same manner as the general taxes of the forest preserve  
11 district and shall be in addition to the maximum of all other  
12 taxes and tax rates which the district is now or may  
13 hereafter be authorized to levy upon the aggregate valuation  
14 of all taxable property within the district and shall be  
15 exclusive of and in addition to the maximum amount and rate  
16 of taxes the district is now or may hereafter be authorized  
17 to levy for general purposes under Section 13 of "An Act to  
18 provide for the creation and management of forest preserve  
19 districts and repealing certain Acts therein named", approved  
20 June 27, 1913, as amended, or under any other law which may  
21 limit the amount of tax which the district may levy for  
22 general purposes. The proceeds of the tax herein authorized  
23 shall be kept as a separate fund.

24 (Source: P.A. 85-1352.)