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

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- 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
- amended by changing Sections 1 and 2 as follows: б
- (70 ILCS 835/1) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6801) 7
- 8 Sec. 1. The corporate authorities of forest preserve
- districts, containing a population of 140,000 150,000 or more 9
- located in counties of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, 10
- having the control or supervision of any forest preserves, 11
- may erect and maintain within such forest preserves, under 12
- 13 the control or supervision of such corporate authorities,
- edifices to be used for the collection and display of animals 14
- as customary in zoological parks, and may collect and display 15
- 16 such animals, or permit the directors or trustees of any
- zoological society devoted to the purposes aforesaid to erect 17
- 18 and maintain a zoological park and to collect and display
- zoological collections within any forest preserve now or 19
- preserve district, out of funds belonging to such zoological

hereafter under the control or supervision of such forest

society, or to contract with the directors or trustees of any

- zoological society on such terms and conditions as may to 23
- corporate authorities seem best, relative to the 24
- erection, operation and maintenance of a zoological park and 25
- the collection and display of such animals within such forest 26
- 27 preserve, out of the tax hereinafter in this Act provided.
- This Act applies to any forest preserve district that 28
- 29 maintains a zoological park that was established under this
- Act prior to 1964, regardless of whether the population 30
- 31 requirements continue to be met.

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

Such forest preserve district may charge, or permit such zoological society to charge an admission fee. The proceeds of such admission fee shall be devoted exclusively to the operation and maintenance of such zoological park and the collections therein. All such zoological parks shall be open to the public without charge for at least one day each week and to the children in actual attendance upon any of the schools in the State at all times, except that charges may be made at any time for special services and for admission to special facilities within any zoological park for the 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)

Sec. 2. For the purpose of constructing and maintaining and caring for any such zoological park and the buildings and grounds thereof and of securing and displaying zoological 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 of not to exceed .0058% of value as equalized or assessed by 3 4 the Department of Revenue, upon all the taxable property in the district; provided however, in a forest preserve district 5 6 located in a county with a population in excess of 140,000 7 $15\theta_7\theta\theta\theta$ but less than 200,000 and contiguous to Mississippi River, the annual tax may be at a rate not to 8 9 exceed .01%. This tax shall be levied and collected in same manner as the general taxes of the forest preserve 10 11 district and shall be in addition to the maximum of all other taxes and tax rates which the district is now or may 12 hereafter be authorized to levy upon the aggregate valuation 13 of all taxable property within the district and shall be 14 exclusive of and in addition to the maximum amount and rate 15 16 of taxes the district is now or may hereafter be authorized to levy for general purposes under Section 13 of "An Act to 17 provide for the creation and management of forest preserve 18 19 districts and repealing certain Acts therein named", approved June 27, 1913, as amended, or under any other law which may 20 21 limit the amount of tax which the district may levy for general purposes. The proceeds of the tax herein authorized 22 23 shall be kept as a separate fund.

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