

AN ACT concerning local government.

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

Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing Section 2-4006 as follows:

(55 ILCS 5/2-4006)

Sec. 2-4006. Terms of commissioners.

(a) In every county not under township organization having 3 commissioners elected at large as described in subsection (b) or (c), the commissioners shall be elected as provided in this Section.

(b) In a county in which one commissioner was elected at the general election in 1992 to serve for a term of 4 years and in which 2 commissioners will be elected at the general election in 1994, the commissioner elected in 1994 and receiving the greatest number of votes shall serve for a term of 6 years. The other commissioner elected in 1994 shall serve for a term of 4 years. At the general election in 1996 and at each general election thereafter, one commissioner shall be elected to serve for a term of 6 years.

(c) In a county in which 2 commissioners were elected at the general election in 1992 to serve for terms of 4 years and in which one commissioner will be elected at the general

election in 1994, the commissioner elected in 1994 shall serve for a term of 4 years. The commissioner elected in 1996 and receiving the greatest number of votes shall serve for a term of 6 years. The other commissioner elected in 1996 shall serve for a term of 4 years. At the general election in 1998 and at each general election thereafter, one commissioner shall be elected to serve for a term of 6 years.

(c-5) In Calhoun County, Edwards County, and Union County, the registered voters of the county may, upon referendum initiated by (i) the adoption of a resolution of the board of county commissioners or (ii) a petition signed by not less than 10% of the registered voters in the county, determine that the board of county commissioners shall consist of 5 commissioners elected at large. The commissioners must certify the question to the proper election authority, which must submit the question at an election in accordance with the general election law.

The question shall be submitted in substantially the following form:

"Shall the board of county commissioners of (county) consist of 5 commissioners elected at large?"

Votes must be recorded as "Yes" or "No". If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote in the affirmative, then a 5-member board of county commissioners shall be established beginning with the next general election. The County Clerk, in consultation with the State's Attorney for the

county, shall develop and present to the board of county commissioners, to implement by the adoption of a resolution, the transition of terms for the current 3-member board of commissioners and the addition of 2 commissioners for 6-year terms. Thereafter, commissioners shall be elected at each general election to fill expired terms.

(d) The provisions of this Section do not apply to commissioners elected under Section 2-4006.5 of this Code.

(Source: P.A. 92-189, eff. 8-1-01.)

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