

AN ACT concerning education.

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

Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section 5-12021 as follows:

(55 ILCS 5/5-12021 new)

Sec. 5-12021. Special provisions relating to public schools.

(a) In exercising the powers under this Division with respect to public school districts, a county shall act in a reasonable manner that neither regulates educational activities, such as school curricula, administration, and staffing, nor frustrates a school district's statutory duties. This subsection (a) is declarative of existing law and does not change the substantive operation of this Division.

(b) In processing zoning applications from public school districts, a county shall make reasonable efforts to streamline the zoning application and review process for the school board and minimize the administrative burdens involved in the zoning review process, including, but not limited to, reducing application fees and other costs associated with the project of a school board to the greatest extent practicable and reflective of actual cost but in no event more than the lowest

fees customarily imposed by the county for similar applications, limiting the number of times the school district must amend its site plans, reducing the number of copies of site plans and any other documents required to be submitted by the county, and expediting the zoning review process for the purpose of rendering a decision on any application from a school district within 90 days after a completed application is submitted to the county.

Section 10. The Township Code is amended by changing Section 110-70 as follows:

(60 ILCS 1/110-70)

Sec. 110-70. School district ~~affected~~.

(a) In any hearing before a zoning commission or board of appeals, any school district within which the property in issue, or any part of that property, is located may appear and present evidence.

(b) In exercising the powers under this Article with respect to public school districts, a township shall act in a reasonable manner that neither regulates educational activities, such as school curricula, administration, and staffing, nor frustrates a school district's statutory duties. This subsection (b) is declarative of existing law and does not change the substantive operation of this Article.

(c) In processing zoning applications from public school

districts, a township shall make reasonable efforts to streamline the zoning application and review process for the school board and minimize the administrative burdens involved in the zoning review process, including, but not limited to, reducing application fees and other costs associated with the project of a school board to the greatest extent practicable and reflective of actual cost but in no event more than the lowest fees customarily imposed by the township for similar applications, limiting the number of times the school district must amend its site plans, reducing the number of copies of site plans and any other documents required to be submitted by the township, and expediting the zoning review process for the purpose of rendering a decision on any application from a school district within 90 days after a completed application is submitted to the township.

(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3481; P.A. 88-62.)

Section 15. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by adding Section 11-13-27 as follows:

(65 ILCS 5/11-13-27 new)

Sec. 11-13-27. Special provisions relating to public schools.

(a) In exercising the powers under this Division with respect to public school districts, a municipality shall act in a reasonable manner that neither regulates educational

activities, such as school curricula, administration, and staffing, nor frustrates a school district's statutory duties. This subsection (a) is declarative of existing law and does not change the substantive operation of this Division.

(b) In processing zoning applications from public school districts, a municipality shall make reasonable efforts to streamline the zoning application and review process for the school board and minimize the administrative burdens involved in the zoning review process, including, but not limited to, reducing application fees and other costs associated with the project of a school board to the greatest extent practicable and reflective of actual cost but in no event more than the lowest fees customarily imposed by the municipality for similar applications, limiting the number of times the school district must amend its site plans, reducing the number of copies of site plans and any other documents required to be submitted by the municipality, and expediting the zoning review process for the purpose of rendering a decision on any application from a school district within 90 days after a completed application is submitted to the municipality.

Section 20. The School Code is amended by changing Section 10-22.13a as follows:

(105 ILCS 5/10-22.13a)

Sec. 10-22.13a. Zoning changes, variations, and special

uses for school district property; zoning compliance. To seek zoning changes, variations, or special uses for property held or controlled by the school district.

A school district is subject to and its school board must comply with any valid local government zoning ordinance or resolution that applies where the pertinent part of the building, structure, or site owned by the school district is located. The changes to this Section made by this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly are declarative of existing law and do not change the substantive operation of this Section.

(Source: P.A. 90-566, eff. 1-2-98.)

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