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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1592

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1592 as follows:

3 on page 2, immediately below line 19, by inserting the  
4 following:

5 "(d) The provisions of this Article 6B are not available to  
6 a county if, prior to January 1, 2017, a city, village, or  
7 incorporated town located within the county has established a  
8 board of election commissioners pursuant to Article 6 of this  
9 Code and that board of election commissioners of the city,  
10 village, or incorporated town has not been superseded by a  
11 county board of election commissioners in the portion of the  
12 city, village, or incorporated town located within the county  
13 under Article 6A of this Code."; and

14 by replacing line 20 on page 2 through line 23 on page 4 with  
15 the following:

1 (10 ILCS 5/6B-5 new)

2 Sec. 6B-5. County board of election commissioners within  
3 the office of the county clerk.

4 (a) There is created a county board of election  
5 commissioners within the office of the county clerk, which  
6 shall consist of 5 members, all of whom shall be residents of  
7 that county. The county clerk shall serve ex officio as an  
8 election commissioner, with vote, and as chairman of the county  
9 board of election commissioners.

10 (b) The chairman of the county board shall appoint the  
11 remaining 4 commissioners. Two of those commissioners shall be  
12 affiliated with the political party that received the highest  
13 statewide vote total in the last gubernatorial election. The  
14 remaining 2 commissioners shall be affiliated with the  
15 political party that received the second highest statewide vote  
16 total in the last gubernatorial general election.  
17 Commissioners appointed by the chairman of the county board  
18 shall be persons who have extensive knowledge of the election  
19 process of the State and county.

20 (c) When selecting commissioners from a political party  
21 other than his own, the chairman of the county board shall  
22 select the commissioners from a list of suggestions submitted  
23 to him by (i) any county elected officials affiliated with that  
24 political party or (ii) any member of the General Assembly  
25 representing part or all of the county and affiliated with that  
26 political party. Each official meeting the requirements of

1 items (i) or (ii) of this subsection (c) may submit up to 2  
2 written nominations to the chairman of the county board per  
3 open commissioner seat.

4 (d) For the initial appointments to a board of election  
5 commissioners within the office of the county clerk, 2  
6 commissioners, one each from each political party, shall be  
7 appointed to serve a 2-year term, and 2 commissioners shall be  
8 appointed to serve a 4-year term. Successor members shall serve  
9 for terms of 4 years.

10 (e) The chairman of the county board shall provide public  
11 notice of a vacancy on the county board of election  
12 commissioners within the office of the county clerk before  
13 appointing a replacement.

14 (f) Appointments to fill vacancies on the county board of  
15 election commissioners within the office of the county clerk  
16 shall be consistent with the manner of the original  
17 appointment.

18 (g) No appointed election commissioner may hold, accept, or  
19 seek election or appointment to any other public or political  
20 office during the term to which he or she was appointed an  
21 election commissioner.

22 (h) Each appointed election commissioner, before taking  
23 his or her seat on the board, shall take an oath of office,  
24 which in substance shall be in the following form:

25 "I, .... do solemnly swear, (or affirm) that I am a citizen  
26 of the United States, and that I am a legal voter and resident

1 of the County of .... That I will support the Constitution of  
2 the United States and of the State of Illinois, and the laws  
3 passed in pursuance thereof, to the best of my ability, and  
4 will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of the office  
5 of election commissioner."

6 The oath, when subscribed and sworn to, shall be filed in  
7 the office of the county clerk of the county and be there  
8 preserved. Such appointed election commissioner shall also,  
9 before taking such oath, give an official bond in the sum of  
10 \$10,000.00 with two securities, to be approved by the county  
11 clerk, conditioned for the faithful and honest performance of  
12 his or her duties and the preservation of the property of his  
13 or her office."; and

14 on page 5, line 7, after "clerk", by inserting "in an amount  
15 not to exceed 25% of the salary of any county board member".