

August 17, 2018

To the Honorable Members of
The Illinois Senate,
100th General Assembly:

Today, I return Senate Bill 3009 with specific recommendations for change.

This legislation transfers the authority to appoint trustees of cemetery boards in certain counties to township supervisors, as opposed to the county board. This represents an effort to consolidate the appointment authority at a level of government closer to the body it is appointing. However, the legislation explicitly only applies to DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties.

In an effort to create greater consistency across Illinois law and eliminate the countless carve-outs that litter our statutes where they do not serve a compelling purpose. I am therefore recommending an amendment to transfer the appointing authority to townships in any instance where the affected cemetery is located in a township, no matter what county it resides in.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 9(e) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 3009, entitled "AN ACT concerning business", with the following specific recommendations for change:

On page 2, by replacing lines 8 and 9 with the following: "of such vacancy in writing, except that when said cemetery is located in a township the".

With these changes, House Bill 3009 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,

Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR