

# HB2081



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 1205/2-12a

from Ch. 105, par. 2-12a

Amends the Park District Code. Changes the staggering of the election schedule when a 7-member park district board with members with 6-year terms transitions its members into 4-year terms. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Park District Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 2-12a as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 1205/2-12a) (from Ch. 105, par. 2-12a)

7 Sec. 2-12a. Any district may provide, either by resolution  
8 of the board or by referendum, that the term of commissioners  
9 shall be 4 years rather than 6 years. Any such referendum shall  
10 be initiated and held in the same manner as is provided by the  
11 general election law for public questions authorized by Article  
12 VII of the Illinois Constitution.

13 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition is in  
14 favor of a 4-year term for commissioners, or if the Board  
15 adopts a resolution stating that it is acting pursuant to this  
16 Section to change the term of office from 6 years to 4 years,  
17 commissioners thereafter elected, commencing with the first  
18 regular park district election at least 60 days after the date  
19 on which the proposition for 4-year terms was approved at  
20 referendum or by resolution, shall be elected for a term of 4  
21 years. In order to provide for the transition from 6-year terms  
22 to 4-year terms:~~7~~

23 (1) If ~~if~~ 2 commissioners on a 5-member board are to be

1           elected at the first such election and if the term of only  
2           one commissioner is scheduled to expire in the year of the  
3           next election at which commissioners are elected, of the 2  
4           commissioners elected, one shall serve a 2-year term and  
5           one a 4-year term, to be determined by lot between the 2  
6           persons elected within 30 days after the election.

7           (2) On a 7-member board under Section 2-10a, if the  
8           terms of only 2 commissioners are scheduled to expire in  
9           the year of the second election at which commissioners are  
10           elected after the first regular park district election at  
11           least 60 days after the date on which the proposition for  
12           4-year terms was approved at referendum or by resolution,  
13           then:

14                   (A) if 3 commissioners are elected at the first  
15                   regular election, 2 of the commissioners elected shall  
16                   serve a 2-year term and one shall serve a 4-year term  
17                   to be determined by lot between persons elected within  
18                   30 days after the first election; or

19                   (B) if 2 commissioners are elected at the first  
20                   regular election, those 2 commissioners elected shall  
21                   serve a 2-year term.

22           In any district where the board has created 4-year terms  
23           pursuant to this Section, whether by referendum or by  
24           resolution, the length of terms may later be increased to 6  
25           years, but only by a referendum initiated and held in the same  
26           manner as prescribed in this Section for creating 4-year terms.

1 No proposition to increase the terms of commissioners shall  
2 affect any commissioner holding office at the time of the  
3 referendum or to be elected within 60 days of the referendum.

4 (Source: P.A. 84-301.)

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