

1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

4 Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 3-5 and by adding Section 3-52 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 200/3-5)

7 Sec. 3-5. Supervisor of assessments. In counties with less  
8 than 3,000,000 inhabitants and in which no county assessor has  
9 been elected under Section 3-45, there shall be a county  
10 supervisor of assessments, either appointed as provided in this  
11 Section, or elected.

12 In counties with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants and not  
13 having an elected county assessor or an elected supervisor of  
14 assessments, the office of supervisor of assessments shall be  
15 filled by appointment by the presiding officer of the county  
16 board with the advice and consent of the county board.

17 To be eligible for appointment or to be eligible to file  
18 nomination papers or participate as a candidate in any primary  
19 or general election for, or be elected to, the office of  
20 supervisor of assessments, or to enter upon the duties of the  
21 office, a person must possess one of the following  
22 qualifications as certified by the individual to the county  
23 clerk:

1           (1) A Certified Illinois Assessing Official  
2 certificate from the Illinois Property Assessment  
3 Institute, plus the additional training required for  
4 additional compensation under Section 4-10.

5           (2) A Certified Assessment Evaluator certificate from  
6 the International Association of Assessing Officers.

7           (3) A Member of the Appraisal Institute (MAI),  
8 Residential Member (RM), Senior Real Estate Analyst  
9 (SREA), Senior Real Property Analyst (SRPA) or Senior  
10 Residential Analyst (SRA) certificate from the Appraisal  
11 Institute or its predecessor organizations.

12           (4) If the person has served as a supervisor of  
13 assessments for 12 years or more, a Certified Illinois  
14 Assessing Official certificate from the Illinois Property  
15 Assessment Institute with a minimum of 360 additional hours  
16 of successfully completed courses approved by the  
17 Department if at least 180 of the course hours required a  
18 written examination.

19           In addition, a person must have had at least 2 years'  
20 experience in the field of property sales, assessments, finance  
21 or appraisals and must have passed an examination conducted by  
22 the Department to determine his or her competence to hold the  
23 office. The examination may be conducted by the Department at a  
24 convenient location in the county or region. Notice of the time  
25 and place shall be given by publication in a newspaper of  
26 general circulation in the counties, at least one week prior to

1 the exam. The Department shall certify to the county board a  
2 list of the names and scores of persons who pass the  
3 examination. The Department may provide by rule the maximum  
4 time that the name of a person who has passed the examination  
5 will be included on a list of persons eligible for appointment  
6 or election. The term of office shall be 4 years from the date  
7 of appointment and until a successor is appointed and  
8 qualified, or a successor is elected and qualified under  
9 Section 3-52.

10 (Source: P.A. 92-667, eff. 7-16-02.)

11 (35 ILCS 200/3-52 new)

12 Sec. 3-52. Election or appointment of county assessors or  
13 county supervisors of assessments.

14 (a) In counties with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the  
15 county may change the manner in which it selects its county  
16 assessor or county supervisor of assessments upon:

17 (1) adoption of an ordinance by the county board or  
18 county board of commissioners requiring the county  
19 assessor or county supervisor of assessments to be elected  
20 or appointed, as applicable; or

21 (2) the filing of a petition with the county board or  
22 the county board of commissioners, subject to the petition  
23 requirements of Section 28-3 of the Election Code and  
24 signed by 2% of the registered voters of the county,  
25 requiring the county assessor or county supervisor of

1 assessments to be elected or appointed, as applicable.

2 (b) If an ordinance is adopted or a petition is filed  
3 meeting the requirements of subsection (a), then the county  
4 clerk shall certify the proposition to the appropriate election  
5 authorities, who shall submit a referendum, subject to the  
6 requirements of Section 16-7 of the Election Code, to be placed  
7 on the ballot at the next following general election in  
8 substantially the following form:

9 Shall the (county assessor or county supervisor of  
10 assessments, as applicable) be (elected rather than  
11 appointed or appointed rather than elected, as  
12 applicable)?

13 The votes shall be recorded as "Yes" or "No". The  
14 referendum is approved when a majority of the votes cast on the  
15 referendum approve the referendum.

16 (c) After the approval of a referendum under subsection  
17 (b):

18 (1) if voters approve the referendum to make the county  
19 assessor or county supervisor of assessments position  
20 elected rather than appointed, then the county assessor or  
21 county supervisor of assessments shall be elected at the  
22 general election next following the approval of the  
23 referendum and at the general election every 4 years  
24 thereafter; the elected county assessor or county  
25 supervisor of assessments shall serve until a successor is  
26 elected and qualified; the term of any appointed county

1 assessor or county supervisor of assessments serving at the  
2 time of the approval of the referendum shall end when a  
3 successor is elected and qualified; and

4 (2) if the voters approve a referendum to make the  
5 county assessor or county supervisor of assessments  
6 position appointed rather than elected, then, at the  
7 conclusion of the term of the elected county assessor or  
8 county supervisor of assessments serving at the time of the  
9 approval of the referendum, the county assessor or county  
10 supervisor of assessments shall be appointed by the county  
11 board or county board of commissioners to a 4-year term and  
12 shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualified.

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