



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5604

by Rep. Edgar Gonzalez, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

65 ILCS 5/1-1-2	from Ch. 24, par. 1-1-2
65 ILCS 5/1-9-10 new	
65 ILCS 5/7-1-1.1	from Ch. 24, par. 7-1-1.1

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Requires the State Board of Elections to create a voter registration affidavit for 16-year-olds and 17-year-olds to register to vote in municipal elections. Provides that the voter registration affidavit shall state that it does not entitle an individual to vote for candidates in any other election other than municipal elections or on any referendum or public question that may appear on the ballot. Provides that municipal elections are considered non-State elections and not subject to the age requirement in the Illinois Constitution.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
5 changing Sections 1-1-2 and 7-1-1.1 and adding Section 1-9-10
6 as follows:

7 (65 ILCS 5/1-1-2) (from Ch. 24, par. 1-1-2)

8 Sec. 1-1-2. Definitions. In this Code:

9 (1) "Municipal" or "municipality" means a city, village, or
10 incorporated town in the State of Illinois, but, unless the
11 context otherwise provides, "municipal" or "municipality" does
12 not include a township, town when used as the equivalent of a
13 township, incorporated town that has superseded a civil
14 township, county, school district, park district, sanitary
15 district, or any other similar governmental district. If
16 "municipal" or "municipality" is given a different definition
17 in any particular Division or Section of this Act, that
18 definition shall control in that division or Section only.

19 (2) "Corporate authorities" means (a) the mayor and
20 aldermen or similar body when the reference is to cities, (b)
21 the president and trustees or similar body when the reference
22 is to villages or incorporated towns, and (c) the council when
23 the reference is to municipalities under the commission form of

1 municipal government.

2 (3) "Electors" means persons qualified to vote for elective
3 officers at municipal elections or a person qualified to vote
4 under Section 1-9-10.

5 (4) "Person" means any individual, partnership,
6 corporation, joint stock association, or the State of Illinois
7 or any subdivision of the State; and includes any trustee,
8 receiver, assignee, or personal representative of any of those
9 entities.

10 (5) Except as otherwise provided by ordinance, "fiscal
11 year" in all municipalities with fewer than 500,000
12 inhabitants, and "municipal year" in all municipalities, means
13 the period elapsing (a) between general municipal elections in
14 succeeding calendar years, or (b) if general municipal
15 elections are held biennially, then between a general municipal
16 election and the same day of the same month of the following
17 calendar year, and between that day and the next succeeding
18 general municipal election, or (c) if general municipal
19 elections are held quadrennially, then between a general
20 municipal election and the same day of the same month of the
21 following calendar year, and between that day and the same day
22 of the same month of the next following calendar year, and
23 between the last mentioned day and the same day of the same
24 month of the next following calendar year, and between the last
25 mentioned day and the next succeeding general municipal
26 election. The fiscal year of each municipality with 500,000 or

1 more inhabitants shall commence on January 1.

2 (6) Where reference is made to a county within which a
3 municipality, district, area, or territory is situated, the
4 reference is to the county within which is situated the major
5 part of the area of that municipality, district, area, or
6 territory, in case the municipality, district, area, or
7 territory is situated in 2 or more counties.

8 (7) Where reference is made for any purpose to any other
9 Act, either specifically or generally, the reference shall be
10 to that Act and to all amendments to that Act now in force or
11 that may be hereafter enacted.

12 (8) Wherever the words "city council", "aldermen",
13 "commissioners", or "mayor" occur, the provisions containing
14 these words shall apply to the board of trustees, trustees, and
15 president, respectively, of villages and incorporated towns
16 and councilmen in cities, so far as those provisions are
17 applicable to them.

18 (9) The terms "special charter" and "special Act" are
19 synonymous.

20 (10) "General municipal election" means the biennial
21 regularly scheduled election for the election of officers of
22 cities, villages, and incorporated towns, as prescribed by the
23 general election law; in the case of municipalities that elect
24 officers annually, "general municipal election" means each
25 regularly scheduled election for the election of officers of
26 cities, villages, and incorporated towns.

1 (Source: P.A. 87-1119.)

2 (65 ILCS 5/1-9-10 new)

3 Sec. 1-9-10. Voters under 18 in municipal elections. The
4 State Board of Elections shall create a voter registration
5 affidavit for 16-year-olds and 17-year-olds to register to vote
6 in municipal elections. The voter registration affidavit shall
7 state that it does not entitle an individual to vote for
8 candidates in any other election other than municipal elections
9 or on any referendum or public question that may appear on the
10 ballot. Voter registration affidavits shall be filed with a
11 municipality's clerk.

12 Municipal elections, for the purpose of Section 1 of
13 Article III of the Illinois Constitution, are considered
14 non-State elections and are not subject to the age requirement
15 of that Section.

16 (65 ILCS 5/7-1-1.1) (from Ch. 24, par. 7-1-1.1)

17 Sec. 7-1-1.1. Elector. For the purposes of this Division 1,
18 "elector" means anyone registered to vote or a person qualified
19 to vote under Section 1-9-10.

20 (Source: P.A. 90-14, eff. 7-1-97.)