

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 18-185 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 200/18-185)

7 Sec. 18-185. Short title; definitions. This Division 5 may  
8 be cited as the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law. As used  
9 in this Division 5:

10 "Consumer Price Index" means the Consumer Price Index for  
11 All Urban Consumers for all items published by the United  
12 States Department of Labor.

13 "Extension limitation" means (a) the lesser of 5% or the  
14 percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index during the  
15 12-month calendar year preceding the levy year or (b) the rate  
16 of increase approved by voters under Section 18-205.

17 "Affected county" means a county of 3,000,000 or more  
18 inhabitants or a county contiguous to a county of 3,000,000 or  
19 more inhabitants.

20 "Taxing district" has the same meaning provided in Section  
21 1-150, except as otherwise provided in this Section. For the  
22 1991 through 1994 levy years only, "taxing district" includes  
23 only each non-home rule taxing district having the majority of

1 its 1990 equalized assessed value within any county or counties  
2 contiguous to a county with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants.  
3 Beginning with the 1995 levy year, "taxing district" includes  
4 only each non-home rule taxing district subject to this Law  
5 before the 1995 levy year and each non-home rule taxing  
6 district not subject to this Law before the 1995 levy year  
7 having the majority of its 1994 equalized assessed value in an  
8 affected county or counties. Beginning with the levy year in  
9 which this Law becomes applicable to a taxing district as  
10 provided in Section 18-213, "taxing district" also includes  
11 those taxing districts made subject to this Law as provided in  
12 Section 18-213.

13 "Aggregate extension" for taxing districts to which this  
14 Law applied before the 1995 levy year means the annual  
15 corporate extension for the taxing district and those special  
16 purpose extensions that are made annually for the taxing  
17 district, excluding special purpose extensions: (a) made for  
18 the taxing district to pay interest or principal on general  
19 obligation bonds that were approved by referendum; (b) made for  
20 any taxing district to pay interest or principal on general  
21 obligation bonds issued before October 1, 1991; (c) made for  
22 any taxing district to pay interest or principal on bonds  
23 issued to refund or continue to refund those bonds issued  
24 before October 1, 1991; (d) made for any taxing district to pay  
25 interest or principal on bonds issued to refund or continue to  
26 refund bonds issued after October 1, 1991 that were approved by

1 referendum; (e) made for any taxing district to pay interest or  
2 principal on revenue bonds issued before October 1, 1991 for  
3 payment of which a property tax levy or the full faith and  
4 credit of the unit of local government is pledged; however, a  
5 tax for the payment of interest or principal on those bonds  
6 shall be made only after the governing body of the unit of  
7 local government finds that all other sources for payment are  
8 insufficient to make those payments; (f) made for payments  
9 under a building commission lease when the lease payments are  
10 for the retirement of bonds issued by the commission before  
11 October 1, 1991, to pay for the building project; (g) made for  
12 payments due under installment contracts entered into before  
13 October 1, 1991; (h) made for payments of principal and  
14 interest on bonds issued under the Metropolitan Water  
15 Reclamation District Act to finance construction projects  
16 initiated before October 1, 1991; (i) made for payments of  
17 principal and interest on limited bonds, as defined in Section  
18 3 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act, in an amount not to  
19 exceed the debt service extension base less the amount in items  
20 (b), (c), (e), and (h) of this definition for non-referendum  
21 obligations, except obligations initially issued pursuant to  
22 referendum; (j) made for payments of principal and interest on  
23 bonds issued under Section 15 of the Local Government Debt  
24 Reform Act; (k) made by a school district that participates in  
25 the Special Education District of Lake County, created by  
26 special education joint agreement under Section 10-22.31 of the

1 School Code, for payment of the school district's share of the  
2 amounts required to be contributed by the Special Education  
3 District of Lake County to the Illinois Municipal Retirement  
4 Fund under Article 7 of the Illinois Pension Code; the amount  
5 of any extension under this item (k) shall be certified by the  
6 school district to the county clerk; (l) made to fund expenses  
7 of providing joint recreational programs for the handicapped  
8 under Section 5-8 of the Park District Code or Section 11-95-14  
9 of the Illinois Municipal Code; (m) made for temporary  
10 relocation loan repayment purposes pursuant to Sections 2-3.77  
11 and 17-2.2d of the School Code; (n) made for payment of  
12 principal and interest on any bonds issued under the authority  
13 of Section 17-2.2d of the School Code; (o) made for  
14 contributions to a firefighter's pension fund created under  
15 Article 4 of the Illinois Pension Code, to the extent of the  
16 amount certified under item (5) of Section 4-134 of the  
17 Illinois Pension Code; and (p) made for road purposes in the  
18 first year after a township assumes the rights, powers, duties,  
19 assets, property, liabilities, obligations, and  
20 responsibilities of a road district abolished under the  
21 provisions of Section 6-133 of the Illinois Highway Code.

22 "Aggregate extension" for the taxing districts to which  
23 this Law did not apply before the 1995 levy year (except taxing  
24 districts subject to this Law in accordance with Section  
25 18-213) means the annual corporate extension for the taxing  
26 district and those special purpose extensions that are made

1 annually for the taxing district, excluding special purpose  
2 extensions: (a) made for the taxing district to pay interest or  
3 principal on general obligation bonds that were approved by  
4 referendum; (b) made for any taxing district to pay interest or  
5 principal on general obligation bonds issued before March 1,  
6 1995; (c) made for any taxing district to pay interest or  
7 principal on bonds issued to refund or continue to refund those  
8 bonds issued before March 1, 1995; (d) made for any taxing  
9 district to pay interest or principal on bonds issued to refund  
10 or continue to refund bonds issued after March 1, 1995 that  
11 were approved by referendum; (e) made for any taxing district  
12 to pay interest or principal on revenue bonds issued before  
13 March 1, 1995 for payment of which a property tax levy or the  
14 full faith and credit of the unit of local government is  
15 pledged; however, a tax for the payment of interest or  
16 principal on those bonds shall be made only after the governing  
17 body of the unit of local government finds that all other  
18 sources for payment are insufficient to make those payments;  
19 (f) made for payments under a building commission lease when  
20 the lease payments are for the retirement of bonds issued by  
21 the commission before March 1, 1995 to pay for the building  
22 project; (g) made for payments due under installment contracts  
23 entered into before March 1, 1995; (h) made for payments of  
24 principal and interest on bonds issued under the Metropolitan  
25 Water Reclamation District Act to finance construction  
26 projects initiated before October 1, 1991; (h-4) made for

1 stormwater management purposes by the Metropolitan Water  
2 Reclamation District of Greater Chicago under Section 12 of the  
3 Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act; (i) made for  
4 payments of principal and interest on limited bonds, as defined  
5 in Section 3 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act, in an  
6 amount not to exceed the debt service extension base less the  
7 amount in items (b), (c), and (e) of this definition for  
8 non-referendum obligations, except obligations initially  
9 issued pursuant to referendum and bonds described in subsection  
10 (h) of this definition; (j) made for payments of principal and  
11 interest on bonds issued under Section 15 of the Local  
12 Government Debt Reform Act; (k) made for payments of principal  
13 and interest on bonds authorized by Public Act 88-503 and  
14 issued under Section 20a of the Chicago Park District Act for  
15 aquarium or museum projects; (l) made for payments of principal  
16 and interest on bonds authorized by Public Act 87-1191 or  
17 93-601 and (i) issued pursuant to Section 21.2 of the Cook  
18 County Forest Preserve District Act, (ii) issued under Section  
19 42 of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act for  
20 zoological park projects, or (iii) issued under Section 44.1 of  
21 the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act for botanical  
22 gardens projects; (m) made pursuant to Section 34-53.5 of the  
23 School Code, whether levied annually or not; (n) made to fund  
24 expenses of providing joint recreational programs for the  
25 handicapped under Section 5-8 of the Park District Code or  
26 Section 11-95-14 of the Illinois Municipal Code; (o) made by

1 the Chicago Park District for recreational programs for the  
2 handicapped under subsection (c) of Section 7.06 of the Chicago  
3 Park District Act; (p) made for contributions to a  
4 firefighter's pension fund created under Article 4 of the  
5 Illinois Pension Code, to the extent of the amount certified  
6 under item (5) of Section 4-134 of the Illinois Pension Code;  
7 and (q) made by Ford Heights School District 169 under Section  
8 17-9.02 of the School Code.

9 "Aggregate extension" for all taxing districts to which  
10 this Law applies in accordance with Section 18-213, except for  
11 those taxing districts subject to paragraph (2) of subsection  
12 (e) of Section 18-213, means the annual corporate extension for  
13 the taxing district and those special purpose extensions that  
14 are made annually for the taxing district, excluding special  
15 purpose extensions: (a) made for the taxing district to pay  
16 interest or principal on general obligation bonds that were  
17 approved by referendum; (b) made for any taxing district to pay  
18 interest or principal on general obligation bonds issued before  
19 the date on which the referendum making this Law applicable to  
20 the taxing district is held; (c) made for any taxing district  
21 to pay interest or principal on bonds issued to refund or  
22 continue to refund those bonds issued before the date on which  
23 the referendum making this Law applicable to the taxing  
24 district is held; (d) made for any taxing district to pay  
25 interest or principal on bonds issued to refund or continue to  
26 refund bonds issued after the date on which the referendum

1 making this Law applicable to the taxing district is held if  
2 the bonds were approved by referendum after the date on which  
3 the referendum making this Law applicable to the taxing  
4 district is held; (e) made for any taxing district to pay  
5 interest or principal on revenue bonds issued before the date  
6 on which the referendum making this Law applicable to the  
7 taxing district is held for payment of which a property tax  
8 levy or the full faith and credit of the unit of local  
9 government is pledged; however, a tax for the payment of  
10 interest or principal on those bonds shall be made only after  
11 the governing body of the unit of local government finds that  
12 all other sources for payment are insufficient to make those  
13 payments; (f) made for payments under a building commission  
14 lease when the lease payments are for the retirement of bonds  
15 issued by the commission before the date on which the  
16 referendum making this Law applicable to the taxing district is  
17 held to pay for the building project; (g) made for payments due  
18 under installment contracts entered into before the date on  
19 which the referendum making this Law applicable to the taxing  
20 district is held; (h) made for payments of principal and  
21 interest on limited bonds, as defined in Section 3 of the Local  
22 Government Debt Reform Act, in an amount not to exceed the debt  
23 service extension base less the amount in items (b), (c), and  
24 (e) of this definition for non-referendum obligations, except  
25 obligations initially issued pursuant to referendum; (i) made  
26 for payments of principal and interest on bonds issued under



1 Section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act; (j) made  
2 for a qualified airport authority to pay interest or principal  
3 on general obligation bonds issued for the purpose of paying  
4 obligations due under, or financing airport facilities  
5 required to be acquired, constructed, installed or equipped  
6 pursuant to, contracts entered into before March 1, 1996 (but  
7 not including any amendments to such a contract taking effect  
8 on or after that date); (k) made to fund expenses of providing  
9 joint recreational programs for the handicapped under Section  
10 5-8 of the Park District Code or Section 11-95-14 of the  
11 Illinois Municipal Code; (l) made for contributions to a  
12 firefighter's pension fund created under Article 4 of the  
13 Illinois Pension Code, to the extent of the amount certified  
14 under item (5) of Section 4-134 of the Illinois Pension Code;  
15 and (m) made for the taxing district to pay interest or  
16 principal on general obligation bonds issued pursuant to  
17 Section 19-3.10 of the School Code.

18 "Aggregate extension" for all taxing districts to which  
19 this Law applies in accordance with paragraph (2) of subsection  
20 (e) of Section 18-213 means the annual corporate extension for  
21 the taxing district and those special purpose extensions that  
22 are made annually for the taxing district, excluding special  
23 purpose extensions: (a) made for the taxing district to pay  
24 interest or principal on general obligation bonds that were  
25 approved by referendum; (b) made for any taxing district to pay  
26 interest or principal on general obligation bonds issued before

1 the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997; (c) made for  
2 any taxing district to pay interest or principal on bonds  
3 issued to refund or continue to refund those bonds issued  
4 before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997; (d)  
5 made for any taxing district to pay interest or principal on  
6 bonds issued to refund or continue to refund bonds issued after  
7 the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997 if the bonds  
8 were approved by referendum after the effective date of this  
9 amendatory Act of 1997; (e) made for any taxing district to pay  
10 interest or principal on revenue bonds issued before the  
11 effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997 for payment of  
12 which a property tax levy or the full faith and credit of the  
13 unit of local government is pledged; however, a tax for the  
14 payment of interest or principal on those bonds shall be made  
15 only after the governing body of the unit of local government  
16 finds that all other sources for payment are insufficient to  
17 make those payments; (f) made for payments under a building  
18 commission lease when the lease payments are for the retirement  
19 of bonds issued by the commission before the effective date of  
20 this amendatory Act of 1997 to pay for the building project;  
21 (g) made for payments due under installment contracts entered  
22 into before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997;  
23 (h) made for payments of principal and interest on limited  
24 bonds, as defined in Section 3 of the Local Government Debt  
25 Reform Act, in an amount not to exceed the debt service  
26 extension base less the amount in items (b), (c), and (e) of

1 this definition for non-referendum obligations, except  
2 obligations initially issued pursuant to referendum; (i) made  
3 for payments of principal and interest on bonds issued under  
4 Section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act; (j) made  
5 for a qualified airport authority to pay interest or principal  
6 on general obligation bonds issued for the purpose of paying  
7 obligations due under, or financing airport facilities  
8 required to be acquired, constructed, installed or equipped  
9 pursuant to, contracts entered into before March 1, 1996 (but  
10 not including any amendments to such a contract taking effect  
11 on or after that date); (k) made to fund expenses of providing  
12 joint recreational programs for the handicapped under Section  
13 5-8 of the Park District Code or Section 11-95-14 of the  
14 Illinois Municipal Code; and (l) made for contributions to a  
15 firefighter's pension fund created under Article 4 of the  
16 Illinois Pension Code, to the extent of the amount certified  
17 under item (5) of Section 4-134 of the Illinois Pension Code.

18 "Debt service extension base" means an amount equal to that  
19 portion of the extension for a taxing district for the 1994  
20 levy year, or for those taxing districts subject to this Law in  
21 accordance with Section 18-213, except for those subject to  
22 paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of Section 18-213, for the levy  
23 year in which the referendum making this Law applicable to the  
24 taxing district is held, or for those taxing districts subject  
25 to this Law in accordance with paragraph (2) of subsection (e)  
26 of Section 18-213 for the 1996 levy year, constituting an

1 extension for payment of principal and interest on bonds issued  
2 by the taxing district without referendum, but not including  
3 excluded non-referendum bonds. For park districts (i) that were  
4 first subject to this Law in 1991 or 1995 and (ii) whose  
5 extension for the 1994 levy year for the payment of principal  
6 and interest on bonds issued by the park district without  
7 referendum (but not including excluded non-referendum bonds)  
8 was less than 51% of the amount for the 1991 levy year  
9 constituting an extension for payment of principal and interest  
10 on bonds issued by the park district without referendum (but  
11 not including excluded non-referendum bonds), "debt service  
12 extension base" means an amount equal to that portion of the  
13 extension for the 1991 levy year constituting an extension for  
14 payment of principal and interest on bonds issued by the park  
15 district without referendum (but not including excluded  
16 non-referendum bonds). A debt service extension base  
17 established or increased at any time pursuant to any provision  
18 of this Law, except Section 18-212, shall be increased each  
19 year commencing with the later of (i) the 2009 levy year or  
20 (ii) the first levy year in which this Law becomes applicable  
21 to the taxing district, by the lesser of 5% or the percentage  
22 increase in the Consumer Price Index during the 12-month  
23 calendar year preceding the levy year. The debt service  
24 extension base may be established or increased as provided  
25 under Section 18-212. "Excluded non-referendum bonds" means  
26 (i) bonds authorized by Public Act 88-503 and issued under

1 Section 20a of the Chicago Park District Act for aquarium and  
2 museum projects; (ii) bonds issued under Section 15 of the  
3 Local Government Debt Reform Act; or (iii) refunding  
4 obligations issued to refund or to continue to refund  
5 obligations initially issued pursuant to referendum.

6 "Special purpose extensions" include, but are not limited  
7 to, extensions for levies made on an annual basis for  
8 unemployment and workers' compensation, self-insurance,  
9 contributions to pension plans, and extensions made pursuant to  
10 Section 6-601 of the Illinois Highway Code for a road  
11 district's permanent road fund whether levied annually or not.  
12 The extension for a special service area is not included in the  
13 aggregate extension.

14 "Aggregate extension base" means: (i) for levy years before  
15 2013, the taxing district's last preceding aggregate extension  
16 as adjusted under Sections 18-135, 18-215, and 18-230; and (ii)  
17 for levy years 2013 and later, the greater of (A) the taxing  
18 district's last preceding aggregate extension limit; or (B) the  
19 taxing district's last preceding aggregate extension as  
20 adjusted under Sections 18-135, 18-215, and 18-230. An  
21 adjustment under Section 18-135 shall be made for the 2007 levy  
22 year and all subsequent levy years whenever one or more  
23 counties within which a taxing district is located (i) used  
24 estimated valuations or rates when extending taxes in the  
25 taxing district for the last preceding levy year that resulted  
26 in the over or under extension of taxes, or (ii) increased or

1 decreased the tax extension for the last preceding levy year as  
2 required by Section 18-135(c). Whenever an adjustment is  
3 required under Section 18-135, the aggregate extension base of  
4 the taxing district shall be equal to the amount that the  
5 aggregate extension of the taxing district would have been for  
6 the last preceding levy year if either or both (i) actual,  
7 rather than estimated, valuations or rates had been used to  
8 calculate the extension of taxes for the last levy year, or  
9 (ii) the tax extension for the last preceding levy year had not  
10 been adjusted as required by subsection (c) of Section 18-135.

11 "Levy year" has the same meaning as "year" under Section  
12 1-155.

13 "Aggregate extension limit" means the district's last  
14 preceding aggregate extension if the taxing district had  
15 utilized the maximum limiting rate permitted without  
16 referendum, as adjusted under Section 18-135, 18-215, and  
17 18-230.

18 "New property" means (i) the assessed value, after final  
19 board of review or board of appeals action, of new improvements  
20 or additions to existing improvements on any parcel of real  
21 property that increase the assessed value of that real property  
22 during the levy year multiplied by the equalization factor  
23 issued by the Department under Section 17-30, (ii) the assessed  
24 value, after final board of review or board of appeals action,  
25 of real property not exempt from real estate taxation, which  
26 real property was exempt from real estate taxation for any

1 portion of the immediately preceding levy year, multiplied by  
2 the equalization factor issued by the Department under Section  
3 17-30, including the assessed value, upon final stabilization  
4 of occupancy after new construction is complete, of any real  
5 property located within the boundaries of an otherwise or  
6 previously exempt military reservation that is intended for  
7 residential use and owned by or leased to a private corporation  
8 or other entity, and (iii) in counties that classify in  
9 accordance with Section 4 of Article IX of the Illinois  
10 Constitution, an incentive property's additional assessed  
11 value resulting from a scheduled increase in the level of  
12 assessment as applied to the first year final board of review  
13 market value. In addition, the county clerk in a county  
14 containing a population of 3,000,000 or more shall include in  
15 the 1997 recovered tax increment value for any school district,  
16 any recovered tax increment value that was applicable to the  
17 1995 tax year calculations.

18 "Qualified airport authority" means an airport authority  
19 organized under the Airport Authorities Act and located in a  
20 county bordering on the State of Wisconsin and having a  
21 population in excess of 200,000 and not greater than 500,000.

22 "Recovered tax increment value" means, except as otherwise  
23 provided in this paragraph, the amount of the current year's  
24 equalized assessed value, in the first year after a  
25 municipality terminates the designation of an area as a  
26 redevelopment project area previously established under the

1 Tax Increment Allocation Development Act in the Illinois  
2 Municipal Code, previously established under the Industrial  
3 Jobs Recovery Law in the Illinois Municipal Code, previously  
4 established under the Economic Development Project Area Tax  
5 Increment Act of 1995, or previously established under the  
6 Economic Development Area Tax Increment Allocation Act, of each  
7 taxable lot, block, tract, or parcel of real property in the  
8 redevelopment project area over and above the initial equalized  
9 assessed value of each property in the redevelopment project  
10 area. For the taxes which are extended for the 1997 levy year,  
11 the recovered tax increment value for a non-home rule taxing  
12 district that first became subject to this Law for the 1995  
13 levy year because a majority of its 1994 equalized assessed  
14 value was in an affected county or counties shall be increased  
15 if a municipality terminated the designation of an area in 1993  
16 as a redevelopment project area previously established under  
17 the Tax Increment Allocation Development Act in the Illinois  
18 Municipal Code, previously established under the Industrial  
19 Jobs Recovery Law in the Illinois Municipal Code, or previously  
20 established under the Economic Development Area Tax Increment  
21 Allocation Act, by an amount equal to the 1994 equalized  
22 assessed value of each taxable lot, block, tract, or parcel of  
23 real property in the redevelopment project area over and above  
24 the initial equalized assessed value of each property in the  
25 redevelopment project area. In the first year after a  
26 municipality removes a taxable lot, block, tract, or parcel of



1 real property from a redevelopment project area established  
2 under the Tax Increment Allocation Development Act in the  
3 Illinois Municipal Code, the Industrial Jobs Recovery Law in  
4 the Illinois Municipal Code, or the Economic Development Area  
5 Tax Increment Allocation Act, "recovered tax increment value"  
6 means the amount of the current year's equalized assessed value  
7 of each taxable lot, block, tract, or parcel of real property  
8 removed from the redevelopment project area over and above the  
9 initial equalized assessed value of that real property before  
10 removal from the redevelopment project area.

11 Except as otherwise provided in this Section, "limiting  
12 rate" means a fraction the numerator of which is the last  
13 preceding aggregate extension base times an amount equal to one  
14 plus the extension limitation defined in this Section and the  
15 denominator of which is the current year's equalized assessed  
16 value of all real property in the territory under the  
17 jurisdiction of the taxing district during the prior levy year.  
18 For those taxing districts that reduced their aggregate  
19 extension for the last preceding levy year, the highest  
20 aggregate extension in any of the last 3 preceding levy years  
21 shall be used for the purpose of computing the limiting rate.  
22 The denominator shall not include new property or the recovered  
23 tax increment value. If a new rate, a rate decrease, or a  
24 limiting rate increase has been approved at an election held  
25 after March 21, 2006, then (i) the otherwise applicable  
26 limiting rate shall be increased by the amount of the new rate

1 or shall be reduced by the amount of the rate decrease, as the  
2 case may be, or (ii) in the case of a limiting rate increase,  
3 the limiting rate shall be equal to the rate set forth in the  
4 proposition approved by the voters for each of the years  
5 specified in the proposition, after which the limiting rate of  
6 the taxing district shall be calculated as otherwise provided.

7 (Source: P.A. 96-501, eff. 8-14-09; 96-517, eff. 8-14-09;  
8 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10; 96-1202, eff. 7-22-10; 97-611, eff.  
9 1-1-12.)