

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 Fire Protection District Act is amended by
5 adding Section 15c as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 705/15c new)

7 Sec. 15c. Disconnection of fire protection district
8 territory within a home rule municipality.

9 Whenever any property within a fire protection district is
10 located in a home rule municipality that provides fire service
11 to at least 80% of the territory within the municipality's
12 corporate limits, the home rule municipality may detach and
13 disconnect that property from the fire protection district in
14 the following manner:

15 The municipality may petition the court, setting forth in
16 the petition the following: a description of the property
17 sought to be detached and disconnected; a statement that the
18 detachment and disconnection will not cause the property
19 remaining in the district to be noncontiguous, that the loss of
20 assessed valuation by reason of the disconnection of the
21 described property will not impair the ability of the district
22 to render fully adequate fire protection service to the
23 property remaining with the district, that the property to be

1 detached and disconnected will remain liable for its
2 proportionate share of any outstanding bonded indebtedness of
3 the district, and that it is a home rule municipality that
4 provides for its own fire service to at least 80% of the
5 territory within the municipality; and asking that the
6 described property be detached and disconnected from the fire
7 protection district. The petition shall be signed and sworn to
8 by the mayor or village president pursuant to a resolution of
9 the corporate authorities of the municipality authorizing the
10 filing of the petition.

11 For the purpose of meeting the requirement of this Section
12 that the detachment and disconnection will not cause the
13 remaining property to be noncontiguous, property shall be
14 considered to be contiguous if the only separation between
15 parts of the property is land owned by the United States, the
16 State, or any agency or instrumentality of either, or any
17 regional airport authority.

18 Upon the filing of the petition, the court shall set the
19 same for hearing on a day not less than 2 weeks nor more than 4
20 weeks from the filing thereof and shall give 2 weeks' notice of
21 such hearing in the manner provided in Section 1 of this Act.
22 The fire protection district shall be a necessary party to the
23 proceedings and it shall be served with summons in the manner
24 prescribed for a party defendant under the Civil Practice Law.
25 All property owners in such district, the district from which
26 the transfer of property is to be made, and all persons

1 interested therein may file objections, and at the hearing may
2 appear and contest the detachment and disconnection of the
3 property from the fire protection district, and both objectors
4 and petitioners may offer any competent evidence in regard
5 thereto. If the court, upon hearing such petition, finds that
6 the petition complies with this Section 15c and that the
7 allegations of the petition are true, the court shall enter an
8 order detaching and disconnecting the property from the
9 district, and upon entry of the order the property shall cease
10 to be a part of the fire protection district and shall be
11 serviced by the home rule municipality, except that the
12 property remains liable for its proportionate share of any
13 outstanding bonded indebtedness of the district. The circuit
14 clerk shall transmit a certified copy of the order to the
15 county clerk of each county in which any of the affected
16 property is situated and to the Office of the State Fire
17 Marshal.