

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 River Conservancy Districts Act is amended
5 by changing Section 3 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 2105/3) (from Ch. 42, par. 385)

7 Sec. 3. Additional territory, including a part of a county
8 or an entire county or counties, may be added to any
9 conservancy district as provided for in this Act in the manner
10 following:

11 One per cent or more of the legal voters resident within
12 the limits of such proposed addition to such conservancy
13 district, in each county in which the proposed addition is
14 situated, may petition the circuit court for the county in
15 which the original petition for the formation of said
16 conservancy district was filed, to cause the question to be
17 submitted to the legal voters of such proposed additional
18 territory whether such proposed additional territory shall
19 become a part of any conservancy district organized under this
20 Act and whether such additional territory shall assume a
21 proportionate share of the bonded indebtedness, if any, of such
22 conservancy district. Such petition shall be addressed to the
23 court of the county in which the original petition for

1 organization was filed, ~~and~~ shall contain a generally accurate
 2 description of the boundaries of the territory to be embraced
 3 in the proposed addition, and, if desired, a new name of the
 4 expanded district.

5 Upon filing such petition in the office of the circuit
 6 clerk of the county in which the original petition for the
 7 formation of such conservancy district was filed it shall be
 8 the duty of the court to consider, fix and determine the
 9 boundaries of any such proposed additional territory, whether
 10 the same shall be those stated in the petition or otherwise and
 11 a decision of the court shall be reviewable as in other civil
 12 cases.

13 A date shall be fixed and notice shall be given by the
 14 court of the county in which such petition is filed of the time
 15 and place where such hearing shall be held in the manner
 16 described in Section 1 of this Act, including notice in each
 17 county in which the additional territory is located. The
 18 conduct of the meeting, and the power of the court to fix and
 19 alter the boundaries of the proposed addition shall be carried
 20 out in the manner described in Section 1 of this Act, as nearly
 21 as may be. The court shall certify the question to the proper
 22 election officials who shall submit the question at an election
 23 in accordance with the general election law. The question shall
 24 be in substantially the following form:

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26 For joining the Conservancy

1 District and assuming a
 2 proportionate share of bonded
 3 indebtedness.

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5 Against joining Conservancy

6 District and assuming a
 7 proportionate share of bonded
 8 indebtedness.

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10 If a majority of the votes cast upon the question of
 11 becoming a part of any conservancy district shall be in favor
 12 of becoming a part of such conservancy district and if the
 13 board of trustees of said conservancy district accept the
 14 proposed additional territory by ordinance annexing the same,
 15 the court shall enter an appropriate order of record in the
 16 court and such additional territory shall thenceforth be deemed
 17 an integral part of such conservancy district and shall be
 18 subject to all the benefits, responsibilities and obligations
 19 of said conservancy district as herein set forth.

20 Any such additional territory may also be annexed to such
 21 conservancy district upon petition addressed to the court for
 22 the county in which the original petition for organization of
 23 the district was filed, signed by a majority of the owners of
 24 lands constituting such territory sought to be annexed, who
 25 shall have arrived at lawful age and who represent a majority
 26 in area of such territory, which said petition shall contain a

1 generally accurate description of the boundaries of such
2 territory sought to be annexed, and shall set forth the
3 willingness of the petitioners of such territory to assume a
4 proportionate share of the bonded indebtedness, if any, of such
5 conservancy district.

6 Upon the filing of such petition and notice of and hearing
7 the decision upon the same by the court, all as herein before
8 provided in Section 1 of this Act with reference to notice,
9 hearing and decision upon the petition for the original
10 organization of such district, such court shall enter an order
11 containing its findings and decision as to the boundaries of
12 the territory to be annexed; and thereupon if the board of
13 trustees of such conservancy district shall pass an ordinance
14 annexing the territory described in such order to said
15 conservancy district, the court shall enter an appropriate
16 order finding that the territory is so annexed and such
17 additional territory shall thenceforth be deemed an integral
18 part of such conservancy district and shall be subject to all
19 the benefits, responsibilities and obligations of said
20 conservancy district as herein set forth.

21 (Source: P.A. 86-1307.)

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.