



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB3143

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 200/3-5
35 ILCS 200/3-52 new

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides a county with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants may, upon referendum approval, change the manner in which it selects its county assessor or county supervisor of assessments from an elected position to an appointed position or from an appointed position to an elected position. Effective immediately.

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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 If the term of an appointed county assessor or county
14 supervisor of assessments ends before his or her successor is
15 elected and qualified, then the presiding officer of the county
16 board or board of county commissioners, with the advice and
17 consent of the county board, shall appoint a trustee to serve
18 as the county assessor or county supervisor of assessments
19 until a successor is elected and qualified.

20 (d) If a vacancy in the office of the county assessor or
21 county supervisor of assessments occurs, whether by death,
22 resignation, refusal to qualify, or any other reason, the
23 presiding officer of the county board or board of county
24 commissioners, with the advice and consent of the county board,
25 shall fill the vacancy by appointment for the remainder of the
26 unexpired term of the county assessor or supervisor of

1 assessments.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.