

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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Decennial Committees on Local Government Consolidation and
6 Efficiency Act.

7 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

8 "Governmental unit" includes all units of local government
9 that may levy any tax, except municipalities and counties.

10 Section 10. Formation of committee; members; vacancy;
11 administrative support.

12 (a) Within one year after the effective date of this Act
13 and at least once every 10 years thereafter, each governmental
14 unit must form a committee to: study local efficiencies,
15 including an analysis of whether to consolidate with another
16 governmental unit, municipality, or county; and provide a
17 report with recommendations regarding efficiencies, increased
18 accountability, and consolidation.

19 (b) Each committee's membership shall include the elected
20 or appointed members of the governing board of the
21 governmental unit, at least 2 residents appointed by the chair
22 of the board of the governmental unit, with the advise and

1 consent of the board, and any chief executive officer or
2 officer of the governmental unit. The committee shall be
3 chaired by the president or chief elected or appointed
4 official of the governing board of the governmental unit, or
5 his or her designee. The chairperson may appoint additional
6 members to the committee as he or she deems appropriate.

7 Committee members shall serve without compensation but may
8 be reimbursed by the governmental unit for their expenses
9 incurred in performing their duties.

10 (c) A committee may employ or use the services of
11 specialists in public administration and governmental
12 management and any other trained consultants, analysts,
13 investigators, and assistants it considers appropriate,
14 including seeking assistance from community colleges or
15 universities with research and the development and review of
16 reports of the committee.

17 (d) If a vacancy occurs in the committee membership, the
18 vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the appointments
19 under subsection (b).

20 (e) The governmental unit shall provide administrative and
21 other support to the committee.

22 Section 15. Duties of a committee. The duties of a
23 committee include, but are not limited to, the study of the
24 governmental unit's governing statutes, ordinances, rules,
25 procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services,

1 intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with
2 other governmental units and the State. The committee shall
3 collect data, research, and analysis for its purposes and
4 shall allow public input.

5 Section 20. Meetings. Each committee shall meet at least 3
6 times. The committee may meet during a regularly scheduled
7 meeting of the governmental unit as long as: (1) separate
8 notice is given in conformance with the Open Meetings Act; (2)
9 the committee meeting is listed as part of the board of the
10 governmental unit's agenda; and (3) at least a majority of the
11 members of the committee are present at the committee's
12 meeting. Each meetings of the committee shall be public and
13 the committee shall provide an opportunity for any person to
14 be heard at the public hearings for at least 3 minutes. The
15 committee may require speakers to register. The committee
16 shall meet in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and the
17 committee shall be a public body to which the Freedom of
18 Information Act applies.

19 At the conclusion of each meeting, the committee shall
20 conduct a survey of residents who attended asking for input on
21 what was discussed at the meeting.

22 Section 25. Report. Each committee shall summarize its
23 work and findings within a report, including recommendations
24 in respect to consolidation, increased accountability and

1 efficiency, and shall provide a written report to the county
2 board in which the governmental unit lies no later than 18
3 months after the formation of the committee. The report shall
4 be made available to the public.

5 Section 30. Dissolution of the committee. After a
6 committee has made the report available to the public, the
7 committee is dissolved until it is reestablished with newly
8 appointed members under Section 10.

9 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
10 Section 8.45 as follows:

11 (30 ILCS 805/8.45 new)

12 Sec. 8.45. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and
13 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for
14 the implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory
15 Act of the 102nd General Assembly.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
17 becoming law.