

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 Township Code is amended by adding Section
5 85-70 as follows:

6 (60 ILCS 1/85-70 new)

7 Sec. 85-70. Contracts entered into close to or after an
8 election.

9 (a) A township board of trustees or township official may
10 not enter into or authorize an employment, equipment, or
11 service contract during the 14 days before a consolidated
12 election through the third Monday in May following the
13 consolidated election.

14 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a township board or
15 township official may enter into a contract that does not
16 extend more than 60 days after the third Monday of May
17 following the consolidated election to address an emergency.
18 As used in this subsection, "emergency" means a condition
19 requiring immediate action to suppress or prevent the spread
20 of disease or to prevent or remove imminent danger to persons
21 or property.

22 (c) An employment, equipment, or service contract entered
23 into or authorized in violation of this Section is voidable.