

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 Election Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 28-1 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/28-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 28-1)

7 Sec. 28-1. The initiation and submission of all public  
8 questions to be voted upon by the electors of the State or of  
9 any political subdivision or district or precinct or  
10 combination of precincts shall be subject to the provisions of  
11 this Article.

12 Questions of public policy which have any legal effect  
13 shall be submitted to referendum only as authorized by a  
14 statute which so provides or by the Constitution. Advisory  
15 questions of public policy shall be submitted to referendum  
16 pursuant to Section 28-5 or pursuant to a statute which so  
17 provides.

18 The method of initiating the submission of a public  
19 question shall be as provided by the statute authorizing such  
20 public question, or as provided by the Constitution.

21 All public questions shall be initiated, submitted and  
22 printed on the ballot in the form required by Section 16-7 of  
23 this Act, except as may otherwise be specified in the statute

1 authorizing a public question.

2 Whenever a statute provides for the initiation of a public  
3 question by a petition of electors, the provisions of such  
4 statute shall govern with respect to the number of signatures  
5 required, the qualifications of persons entitled to sign the  
6 petition, the contents of the petition, the officer with whom  
7 the petition must be filed, and the form of the question to be  
8 submitted. If such statute does not specify any of the  
9 foregoing petition requirements, the corresponding petition  
10 requirements of Section 28-6 shall govern such petition.

11 Irrespective of the method of initiation, not more than 3  
12 public questions other than (a) back door referenda, (b)  
13 referenda to determine whether a disconnection may take place  
14 where a city coterminous with a township is proposing to annex  
15 territory from an adjacent township, (c) referenda held under  
16 the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in  
17 the Property Tax Code, (d) referenda held under Section 2-3002  
18 of the Counties Code, ~~or~~ (e) referenda held under Article 22,  
19 23, or 29 of the Township Code, or (f) referenda held under  
20 Section 3-47 of the Property Tax Code may be submitted to  
21 referendum with respect to a political subdivision at the same  
22 election.

23 If more than 3 propositions are timely initiated or  
24 certified for submission at an election with respect to a  
25 political subdivision, the first 3 validly initiated, by the  
26 filing of a petition or by the adoption of a resolution or

1 ordinance of a political subdivision, as the case may be,  
2 shall be printed on the ballot and submitted at that election.  
3 However, except as expressly authorized by law not more than  
4 one proposition to change the form of government of a  
5 municipality pursuant to Article VII of the Constitution may  
6 be submitted at an election. If more than one such proposition  
7 is timely initiated or certified for submission at an election  
8 with respect to a municipality, the first validly initiated  
9 shall be the one printed on the ballot and submitted at that  
10 election.

11 No public question shall be submitted to the voters of a  
12 political subdivision at any regularly scheduled election at  
13 which such voters are not scheduled to cast votes for any  
14 candidates for nomination for, election to or retention in  
15 public office, except that if, in any existing or proposed  
16 political subdivision in which the submission of a public  
17 question at a regularly scheduled election is desired, the  
18 voters of only a portion of such existing or proposed  
19 political subdivision are not scheduled to cast votes for  
20 nomination for, election to or retention in public office at  
21 such election, but the voters in one or more other portions of  
22 such existing or proposed political subdivision are scheduled  
23 to cast votes for nomination for, election to or retention in  
24 public office at such election, the public question shall be  
25 voted upon by all the qualified voters of the entire existing  
26 or proposed political subdivision at the election.

1 Not more than 3 advisory public questions may be submitted  
2 to the voters of the entire state at a general election. If  
3 more than 3 such advisory propositions are initiated, the  
4 first 3 timely and validly initiated shall be the questions  
5 printed on the ballot and submitted at that election; provided  
6 however, that a question for a proposed amendment to Article  
7 IV of the Constitution pursuant to Section 3, Article XIV of  
8 the Constitution, or for a question submitted under the  
9 Property Tax Cap Referendum Law, shall not be included in the  
10 foregoing limitation.

11 (Source: P.A. 100-107, eff. 1-1-18.)

12 Section 10. The Property Tax Code is amended by adding  
13 Section 3-47 as follows:

14 (35 ILCS 200/3-47 new)

15 Sec. 3-47. Lake County assessor referendum; election.

16 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,  
17 the election authority for Lake County shall cause to be  
18 submitted to the voters of Lake County at the first general  
19 election held after the effective date of this amendatory Act  
20 of the 102nd General Assembly a referendum to convert the  
21 Office of the Chief Assessment Officer of Lake County to an  
22 elected office rather than an appointed office. The referendum  
23 shall comply with the provisions of Section 4 of Article VII of  
24 the Illinois Constitution, and shall be in the following form:

1           "Shall the office of the Chief Assessment Officer of  
2           Lake County be an elected office beginning with the 2022  
3           general election?"

4           The votes shall be recorded as "Yes" or "No".

5           The referendum is deemed approved if a majority of those  
6           voting on the question approve the referendum.

7           (b) If a majority of the electors voting on the referendum  
8           under this Section are in favor thereof, the Office of the  
9           Chief Assessment Officer of Lake County shall become an  
10           elected office. The Chief Assessment Officer of Lake County  
11           shall then be elected at the first general election following  
12           the approval of the referendum. Upon election of the Chief  
13           Assessment Officer of Lake County under this Section, the  
14           Office of the then-serving Chief Assessment Officer of Lake  
15           County shall become vacant, and the newly elected Chief  
16           Assessment Officer shall assume that office.

17           (c) Should the Office of the Chief Assessment Officer of  
18           Lake County become an elected office as provided under  
19           subsection (b), any person seeking such office shall comply  
20           with and be governed by the provisions of Section 3-45 with  
21           respect to the election of county assessors and related  
22           requirements.

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