



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

50 ILCS 750/15.4a

Amends the Emergency Telephone System Act. Provides that a 9-1-1 Authority in a county that: has a population of at least 250,000, has more than one Emergency Telephone System Board, Joint Emergency Telephone System Board, or qualified governmental entity, and is serving a population of less than 25,000 is exempt from consolidation requirements if the 9-1-1 Authority: (1) as of January 1, 2021, is the only remaining authority in the State that has not met the consolidation requirements; (2) serves a municipality with a population of less than 6,000 people; and (3) has received intergovernmental agreement rejections by 5 or more contiguous counties or 9-1-1 authorities to consolidate 9-1-1 services. Effective immediately.

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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 Emergency Telephone System Act is amended
5 by changing Section 15.4a as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 750/15.4a)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2021)

8 Sec. 15.4a. Consolidation.

9 (a) By July 1, 2017, and except as otherwise provided in
10 this Section, Emergency Telephone System Boards, Joint
11 Emergency Telephone System Boards, qualified governmental
12 entities, and PSAPs shall be consolidated as follows, subject
13 to subsections (b) and (c) of this Section:

14 (1) In any county with a population of at least
15 250,000 that has a single Emergency Telephone System
16 Board, or qualified governmental entity and more than 2
17 PSAPs, shall reduce the number of PSAPs by at least 50% or
18 to 2 PSAPs, whichever is greater. Nothing in this
19 paragraph shall preclude consolidation resulting in one
20 PSAP in the county.

21 (2) In any county with a population of at least
22 250,000 that has more than one Emergency Telephone System
23 Board, Joint Emergency Telephone System Board, or

1 qualified governmental entity, any 9-1-1 Authority serving
2 a population of less than 25,000 shall be consolidated
3 such that no 9-1-1 Authority in the county serves a
4 population of less than 25,000.

5 (3) In any county with a population of at least
6 250,000 but less than 1,000,000 that has more than one
7 Emergency Telephone System Board, Joint Emergency
8 Telephone System Board, or qualified governmental entity,
9 each 9-1-1 Authority shall reduce the number of PSAPs by
10 at least 50% or to 2 PSAPs, whichever is greater. Nothing
11 in this paragraph shall preclude consolidation of a 9-1-1
12 Authority into a Joint Emergency Telephone System Board,
13 and nothing in this paragraph shall preclude consolidation
14 resulting in one PSAP in the county.

15 (4) In any county with a population of less than
16 250,000 that has a single Emergency Telephone System Board
17 or qualified governmental entity and more than 2 PSAPs,
18 the 9-1-1 Authority shall reduce the number of PSAPs by at
19 least 50% or to 2 PSAPs, whichever is greater. Nothing in
20 this paragraph shall preclude consolidation resulting in
21 one PSAP in the county.

22 (5) In any county with a population of less than
23 250,000 that has more than one Emergency Telephone System
24 Board, Joint Emergency Telephone System Board, or
25 qualified governmental entity and more than 2 PSAPs, the
26 9-1-1 Authorities shall be consolidated into a single

1 joint board, and the number of PSAPs shall be reduced by at
2 least 50% or to 2 PSAPs, whichever is greater. Nothing in
3 this paragraph shall preclude consolidation resulting in
4 one PSAP in the county.

5 (6) Any 9-1-1 Authority that does not have a PSAP
6 within its jurisdiction shall be consolidated through an
7 intergovernmental agreement with an existing 9-1-1
8 Authority that has a PSAP to create a Joint Emergency
9 Telephone Board.

10 (7) The corporate authorities of each county that has
11 no 9-1-1 service as of January 1, 2016 shall provide
12 enhanced 9-1-1 wireline and wireless enhanced 9-1-1
13 service for that county by either (i) entering into an
14 intergovernmental agreement with an existing Emergency
15 Telephone System Board to create a new Joint Emergency
16 Telephone System Board, or (ii) entering into an
17 intergovernmental agreement with the corporate authorities
18 that have created an existing Joint Emergency Telephone
19 System Board.

20 (a-5) A 9-1-1 Authority shall not be subject to the
21 consolidation requirements of paragraph (2) of subsection (a)
22 of this Section if the 9-1-1 Authority: (1) as of January 1,
23 2021, is the only remaining authority in the State that has not
24 met the consolidation requirements of this Act; (2) serves a
25 municipality with a population of less than 6,000 people; and
26 (3) has received intergovernmental agreement rejections by 5

1 or more contiguous counties or 9-1-1 authorities to
2 consolidate 9-1-1 services.

3 (b) By July 1, 2016, each county required to consolidate
4 pursuant to paragraph (7) of subsection (a) of this Section
5 and each 9-1-1 Authority required to consolidate pursuant to
6 paragraphs (1) through (6) of subsection (a) of this Section
7 shall file a plan for consolidation or a request for a waiver
8 pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section with the Office of
9 the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator.

10 (1) No county or 9-1-1 Authority may avoid the
11 requirements of this Section by converting primary PSAPs
12 to secondary or virtual answering points. Any county or
13 9-1-1 Authority not in compliance with this Section shall
14 be ineligible to receive consolidation grant funds issued
15 under Section 15.4b of this Act or monthly disbursements
16 otherwise due under Section 30 of this Act, until the
17 county or 9-1-1 Authority is in compliance.

18 (2) Within 60 calendar days of receiving a
19 consolidation plan, the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board
20 shall hold at least one public hearing on the plan and
21 provide a recommendation to the Administrator. Notice of
22 the hearing shall be provided to the respective entity to
23 which the plan applies.

24 (3) Within 90 calendar days of receiving a
25 consolidation plan, the Administrator shall approve the
26 plan, approve the plan as modified, or grant a waiver

1 pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section. In making his
2 or her decision, the Administrator shall consider any
3 recommendation from the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board
4 regarding the plan. If the Administrator does not follow
5 the recommendation of the Board, the Administrator shall
6 provide a written explanation for the deviation in his or
7 her decision.

8 (4) The deadlines provided in this subsection may be
9 extended upon agreement between the Administrator and
10 entity which submitted the plan.

11 (c) A waiver from a consolidation required under
12 subsection (a) of this Section may be granted if the
13 Administrator finds that the consolidation will result in a
14 substantial threat to public safety, is economically
15 unreasonable, or is technically infeasible.

16 (d) Any decision of the Administrator under this Section
17 shall be deemed a final administrative decision and shall be
18 subject to judicial review under the Administrative Review
19 Law.

20 (Source: P.A. 99-6, eff. 1-1-16; 100-20, eff. 7-1-17.)

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