

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 5-2006 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-2006) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-2006)

7 Sec. 5-2006. Tax for Veterans Assistance Commission. The  
8 county board of each county having a population of less than 3  
9 million in which there is a Veterans Assistance Commission as  
10 provided in Section 9 of the Military Veterans Assistance Act  
11 may levy a tax of not to exceed .03% of the assessed value  
12 annually on all taxable property of the county, for the  
13 purpose of providing assistance to military veterans and their  
14 families pursuant to such Act. Whenever not less than 10% of  
15 the electors of the county petition the county board to levy  
16 the tax at not to exceed .04% of the assessed value, the county  
17 board shall certify the proposition to the proper election  
18 officials who shall submit the proposition at the next general  
19 election in accordance with the general election law. If a  
20 majority of the electors vote in favor of the proposition, the  
21 county board may, annually, levy the tax as authorized. The  
22 proceeds of any tax so levied shall be used exclusively for the  
23 assistance purposes authorized thereunder, and a portion

1       thereof may be expended for the salaries ~~or expenses~~ of any  
2       officers or employees of the Veterans Assistance Commission,  
3       for the authorized reimbursement of any officer or employee of  
4       the Veterans Assistance Commission, as provided in Section 10  
5       of the Military Veterans Assistance Act, or for any other  
6       expenses incident to the administration of such assistance.

7               The tax shall be separate from all other taxes which the  
8       county is authorized to levy on the aggregate valuation of the  
9       property within the county and shall not be included in any tax  
10      limitation of the rate upon which taxes are required to be  
11      extended, but shall be excluded therefrom and in addition  
12      thereto. The tax shall be levied and collected in like manner  
13      as the general taxes of the county, and, when collected, shall  
14      be paid into a special fund in the county treasury and used  
15      only as herein authorized, or disbursed from the county  
16      treasury of a county in which a properly organized Veterans  
17      Assistance Commission is authorized under Section 3-11008 of  
18      this Code.

19              The limitations on tax rates herein provided may be  
20      increased or decreased under the referendum provisions of the  
21      General Revenue Law of Illinois.

22              If a county has levied the tax herein authorized or  
23      otherwise meets the conditions set out in Section 12-21.13 of  
24      the Illinois Public Aid Code, to qualify for State funds to  
25      supplement local funds for public purposes under Articles III,  
26      IV, V, VI, and IX of that Code and otherwise meets the

1 conditions set out in Article XII of that Code for receipt of  
2 State aid, the Illinois Department of Human Services shall  
3 allocate and pay to the county such additional sums as it  
4 determines to be necessary to meet the needs of assistance to  
5 military veterans and their families in the county and  
6 expenses incident to the administration of such assistance. In  
7 counties where a Veterans Assistance Commission has been  
8 properly created, those County Veterans Assistance Commissions  
9 shall be in charge of the administration of such assistance  
10 provided under the Illinois Public Aid Code for military  
11 veterans and their families.

12 (Source: P.A. 102-732, eff. 1-1-23.)

13 Section 10. The Military Veterans Assistance Act is  
14 amended by changing Sections 1, 2, 8, 9, and 10 and by adding  
15 Sections 9.1, 9.2, and 12 as follows:

16 (330 ILCS 45/1) (from Ch. 23, par. 3081)

17 Sec. 1. Definitions. As used in this Act:

18 "Veteran service organization" means a post, ship, camp,  
19 chapter, or detachment of a congressionally chartered or state  
20 chartered organization that (i) is formed by and for veterans,  
21 (ii) has a paid membership of at least 15 individuals, and  
22 (iii) provides responsible aid, assistance, or services to the  
23 veteran community.

24 "Administrator of military veterans assistance" means the

1 commanders of the various veteran service organizations, the  
2 superintendent of a County Veterans Assistance Commission, or  
3 other persons whose duty it is, under the existing statutes,  
4 to care for, relieve or maintain, wholly or in part, any person  
5 who may be entitled to such assistance under the statutes of  
6 the State of Illinois. This Act shall not infringe upon the  
7 mandated powers and authorities vested in the Illinois  
8 Department of Veterans' Affairs.

9 (Source: P.A. 102-732, eff. 1-1-23.)

10 (330 ILCS 45/2) (from Ch. 23, par. 3082)

11 Sec. 2. The purpose of this Act is, in part, to provide, in  
12 accordance with this Section, For the just and 7 necessary7  
13 and needed assistance and services to of military veterans7  
14 who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and whose  
15 last discharge from the service was honorable or general under  
16 honorable conditions ~~to be eligible for assistance,~~ to their  
17 families, and to the families of deceased veterans with  
18 service ~~as described in this Section~~ who need such assistance  
19 and services. The following actions shall be taken in support  
20 of that purpose:

21 (1) The supervisor of general assistance or the county  
22 board shall provide such sums of money as may be just and  
23 necessary to be drawn by the commander, quartermaster or  
24 commandant of any veterans service organization, in the  
25 city or town, or the superintendent of any Veterans'

1 Assistance Commission of the county, upon the  
2 recommendation of the assistance committee of that  
3 veterans service organization or Veterans' Assistance  
4 Commission.

5 (A) Funding for Veterans Assistance Commissions  
6 may be derived from 3 sources, if applicable:

7 (i) a tax levied under Section 5-2006 of the  
8 Counties Code and Section 12-21.13 of the Illinois  
9 Public Aid Code;

10 (ii) funds from the county general corporate  
11 fund; and

12 (iii) State funds from the Department of Human  
13 Services.

14 (B) The minimum amount to be provided annually to  
15 Veterans Assistance Commissions is provided in Section  
16 12-21.13 of the Illinois Public Aid Code, unless the  
17 delegates of the County Veterans Assistance Commission  
18 determine that a lesser amount covers the just and  
19 necessary sums.

20 (2) If any supervisor of general assistance or county  
21 board fails or refuses after such recommendation to  
22 provide just and necessary sums of money for such  
23 assistance, then the veteran service organization or the  
24 superintendent of any Veterans' Assistance Commission  
25 located in the district of such supervisor of general  
26 assistance or such county board shall apply to the circuit

1 court of the district or county for relief by mandamus  
2 upon the supervisor of general assistance or county board  
3 requiring him, her or it to pay, or to appropriate and pay  
4 such sums of money, and upon proof made of the justice and  
5 necessity of the claim, the circuit court shall grant the  
6 sums so requested.

7 (3) Such sums of money shall be drawn in the manner now  
8 provided under Section 5-2006 of the Counties Code and  
9 Section 12-21.13 of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Orders  
10 of commanders, quartermasters, commandants, or  
11 superintendents of those veterans service organizations or  
12 those Veterans' Assistance Commissions shall be proper  
13 warrants for the expenditure of such sums of money.

14 (Source: P.A. 102-732, eff. 1-1-23.)

15 (330 ILCS 45/8) (from Ch. 23, par. 3088)

16 Sec. 8. The commander, quartermaster, or commandant of any  
17 veteran service organization or the superintendent of any  
18 county Veterans' Assistance Commission of Illinois shall  
19 annually report to the Governor, on or before the first day of  
20 January of each year, such portions of the transactions of the  
21 aforementioned veteran service organization or Veterans  
22 Assistance Commission relating thereto as the commander or  
23 superintendent may deem to be of interest to that organization  
24 and the people of the State. A copy of that report shall be  
25 provided to the president or chairperson of the county board

1 and shall be made publicly available online.

2 (Source: P.A. 102-732, eff. 1-1-23.)

3 (330 ILCS 45/9) (from Ch. 23, par. 3089)

4 Sec. 9. Veterans Assistance Commission.

5 (a) In counties having 2 or more veteran service  
6 organizations as may be recognized by law, the veteran service  
7 organizations may come together to form a Veterans Assistance  
8 Commission of such county. The Veterans Assistance Commission  
9 of such county may act as the central service office for all  
10 veterans and their families and for the families of deceased  
11 veterans. The Commission shall be composed of delegates and  
12 alternates from a majority of such veteran service  
13 organizations selected annually as determined by each veteran  
14 service organization. When so organized a Commission shall be  
15 clothed with all the powers and may be charged with all the  
16 duties theretofore devolving upon the different veteran  
17 service organizations within the county as provided in Section  
18 2.

19 (1) Every January 1, all Veterans Assistance  
20 Commissions shall publish a notice to each veteran service  
21 organization within their respective county calling on  
22 them to select delegates and alternates for that county's  
23 Veterans Assistance Commission by the methods provided in  
24 this subsection. The Veterans Assistance Commissions shall  
25 allow each veteran service organization until March 1 to

1 respond, at which time those selected and duly appointed  
2 delegates and alternates shall begin their term of office  
3 with full voting rights. Once selected, delegates and  
4 alternates are bound by the Public Officer Prohibited  
5 Activities Act.

6 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), veteran  
7 service organizations shall be permitted to select one  
8 delegate and one alternate.

9 (3) In counties with 5 or more of the same veteran  
10 service organizations, all the constituent veteran service  
11 organizations shall be permitted to select up to 5  
12 delegates and 5 alternates ~~a single delegate and single~~  
13 ~~alternate~~ to represent that veteran service organization  
14 instead of each constituent veteran service organization  
15 selecting one delegate and one alternate. For the purposes  
16 of meeting the majority requirement of this subsection,  
17 when the constituent groups of a veteran service  
18 organization choose to select those delegates and  
19 alternates, those selected and duly appointed delegates  
20 and alternates ~~a single delegate and single alternate, the~~  
21 ~~single delegate and single alternate~~ shall represent the  
22 aggregate percentage of the constituent groups.

23 (4) If a veteran service organization serves more than  
24 one county, then it shall be permitted to select one  
25 delegate and one alternate for the Veterans Assistance  
26 Commission in each county in which at least 25% of its



1 members reside.

2 (5) All undertakings of, or actions taken by, the  
3 Commission shall require a vote from a majority of the  
4 full commission membership. No committee or other subgroup  
5 of delegates and alternates formed by the Commission,  
6 whether selected or appointed, may be granted the power or  
7 authority to act in the place of or on behalf of the full  
8 body of the duly selected or appointed Commission  
9 membership.

10 (6) No superintendent or any other employee of the  
11 Veterans Assistance Commission may retain the position of  
12 delegate or alternate or any voting rights while employed  
13 by the Veterans Assistance Commission.

14 (7) No committee or other subgroup of delegates and  
15 alternates formed by the Commission, whether selected or  
16 appointed, may bar any other duly appointed Commission  
17 member from attending or otherwise being present during  
18 any closed meetings or sessions of that committee or  
19 group.

20 (8) The county may, at its discretion, appoint a  
21 representative to the Commission who may attend any public  
22 meeting of the Commission. That representative shall be a  
23 veteran, may not have voting rights, may not hold any  
24 office or title on the Commission, and may not be present  
25 during any nonpublic meeting of the Commission, except as  
26 authorized in this Act. For matters of executive session,

1       the non-voting county appointee may attend meetings that  
2       are closed in accordance with paragraphs (1), (3), (5),  
3       (6), or (11) of subsection (c) of Section 2 of the Open  
4       Meetings Act for litigation matters not relating to  
5       litigation between the Commission and the County.

6       (b) The Commission and its selected or appointed  
7       superintendent shall have oversight of the distribution of all  
8       moneys and supplies appropriated for the benefit of military  
9       veterans and their families, subject to such rules,  
10      regulations, administrative procedures or audit reviews as are  
11      required by this Act and as are necessary as approved by the  
12      Commission to carry out the spirit and intent of this Act. No  
13      warrant authorized under this Act may be issued for the  
14      payment of money without the presentation of an itemized  
15      statement or claim, approved by the superintendent of the  
16      Commission.

17      (c) The superintendent of the Veterans Assistance  
18      Commission, selected, appointed, or hired by the Commission is  
19      an at-will employee who shall be answerable to, and shall  
20      report to, the Commission.

21      (d) The superintendent shall be evaluated annually and a  
22      written report shall be generated. A copy of the report from  
23      the evaluation shall be provided to the entire Commission  
24      membership.

25      (e) A superintendent may be removed from office if, after  
26      delegates from no less than 3 different veteran service

1 organizations file a written request calling for the  
2 superintendent's removal, there is a vote from a majority of  
3 the full Commission membership in favor of such removal.

4 (f) Each Veterans Assistance Commission shall establish  
5 and maintain bylaws that outline the framework, policies, and  
6 procedures for conducting the business of the Commission and  
7 for the rules and regulations that apply to its members. Those  
8 bylaws shall reflect compliance with all relevant laws at the  
9 time they are established and shall be revised as necessary to  
10 remain in compliance with current law. The establishment of  
11 those bylaws, and any revisions thereafter, shall require a  
12 minimum two-thirds majority vote of approval from a majority  
13 of the full Commission membership.

14 (g) Each Veterans Assistance Commission shall, in writing,  
15 adopt all applicable policies already established and in place  
16 in its respective county, including, but not limited to,  
17 policies related to compensation, employee rights, ethics,  
18 procurement, and budget, and shall adapt those policies to fit  
19 its organizational structure. Those policies shall then be  
20 considered the policies of the Veterans Assistance Commission  
21 and they shall be implemented and adhered to, accordingly, by  
22 the superintendent and by the Commission. The Commission shall  
23 amend its adopted policies whenever a county board amends an  
24 applicable policy within 60 days of the county board  
25 amendment.

26 (h) No warrant authorized under this Act may be issued for

1 the payment of money without the presentation of an itemized  
2 statement or claim, approved by the superintendent of the  
3 Commission and reported to the full Commission membership.

4 (i) Each Veterans Assistance Commission shall perform an  
5 annual audit in accordance with the Governmental Account Audit  
6 Act using either the auditing services provided by its  
7 respective county or the services of an independent auditor  
8 whose services shall be paid for by the Commission. A copy of  
9 that audit report shall be provided to the president or  
10 chairperson of the county board.

11 (j) Veterans Assistance Commissions and county boards  
12 subject to this Act shall cooperate fully with the boards,  
13 commissions, agencies, departments, and institutions of the  
14 State. The funds held and made available by the county, the  
15 State, or any other source shall be subject to financial and  
16 compliance audits in accordance with the Illinois State  
17 Auditing Act.

18 (k) ~~(e)~~ The Veterans Assistance Commission shall be in  
19 charge of the administration of any benefits provided under  
20 Articles VI and IX of the Illinois Public Aid Code for military  
21 veterans and their families.

22 (l) The Veterans Assistance Commission shall represent  
23 veterans in their application for or attempts to obtain  
24 benefits and services through State and federal agencies,  
25 including representing veterans in their appeals of adverse  
26 decisions.

1       (m) The superintendent of the Veterans Assistance  
2 Commission and its employees must comply with the procedures  
3 and regulations adopted by the Veterans Assistance Commission  
4 and the regulations of the Department of Human Services.

5       (n) To further the intent of this Act of assisting  
6 military veterans, this Act is to be construed so that the  
7 Veterans Assistance Commission shall provide needed services  
8 to eligible veterans.

9       (Source: P.A. 102-484, eff. 8-20-21; 102-732, eff. 1-1-23.)

10       (330 ILCS 45/9.1 new)

11       Sec. 9.1. Violations.

12       (a) If the Attorney General has reasonable cause to  
13 believe that there is or has been a violation of Section 8 or 9  
14 or subsection (a), (b), or (c) of Section 10, then the Attorney  
15 General may commence a civil action in the name of the People  
16 of the State to enforce the provisions of this Act in any  
17 appropriate circuit court. The court, in its discretion, may  
18 exercise all powers necessary, including, but not limited to:  
19 injunction; mandamus; revocation; forfeiture or suspension of  
20 any funding, rights, privileges, responsibilities, or support,  
21 as deemed necessary to ensure compliance; and any other action  
22 the court may deem appropriate.

23       (b) Prior to initiating a civil action, the Attorney  
24 General shall conduct a preliminary investigation to determine  
25 whether there is reasonable cause to believe that a violation

1 is being or has been committed and whether the dispute can be  
2 resolved without litigation. In conducting this investigation,  
3 the Attorney General may:

4 (1) require the individual, group, or entity to file a  
5 statement or report in writing under oath or otherwise, as  
6 to all information the Attorney General may consider  
7 necessary;

8 (2) examine under oath any person alleged to have  
9 participated in or with knowledge of the alleged  
10 violation;

11 (3) issue subpoenas or conduct hearings in aid of any  
12 investigation; or

13 (4) examine any record, book, document, account, or  
14 paper as the Attorney General may consider necessary.

15 (c) Service by the Attorney General of any notice  
16 requiring a person to file a statement or report, or of a  
17 subpoena upon any person, shall be made:

18 (1) personally by delivery of a duly executed copy  
19 thereof to the person to be served or, if a person is not a  
20 natural person, in the manner provided by the Code of  
21 Civil Procedure when a complaint is filed; or

22 (2) by mailing by certified mail a duly executed copy  
23 thereof to the person to be served at the person's last  
24 known abode or principal place of business within this  
25 State.

26 (d) Whenever any person fails to comply with any subpoena

1 issued under this Section or whenever satisfactory copying or  
2 reproduction of any material requested in an investigation  
3 cannot be done and the person refuses to surrender the  
4 material, the Attorney General may file in any appropriate  
5 circuit court, and serve upon the person, a petition for a  
6 court order for the enforcement of the subpoena or other  
7 request.

8 Any person who has received a subpoena issued under  
9 subsection (b) may file in the appropriate circuit court, and  
10 serve upon the Attorney General, a petition for a court order  
11 to modify or set aside the subpoena or other request. The  
12 petition must be filed either: (1) within 20 days after the  
13 date of service of the subpoena or at any time before the  
14 return date specified in the subpoena, whichever date is  
15 earlier, or (2) within a longer period as may be prescribed in  
16 writing by the Attorney General.

17 The petition shall specify each ground upon which the  
18 petitioner relies in seeking relief under this subsection and  
19 may be based upon any failure of the subpoena to comply with  
20 the provisions of this Section or upon any constitutional or  
21 other legal right or privilege of the petitioner. During the  
22 pendency of the petition in the court, the court may stay, as  
23 it deems proper, the running of the time allowed for  
24 compliance with the subpoena or other request, in whole or in  
25 part, except that the petitioner shall comply with any portion  
26 of the subpoena or other request not sought to be modified or

1 set aside.

2 (e) In the administration of this Act, the Attorney  
3 General may accept an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance with  
4 respect to any violation of the Act from any person or entity  
5 who has engaged in, is engaging in, or was about to engage in  
6 such violation. Evidence of a violation of an Assurance of  
7 Voluntary Compliance shall be prima facie evidence of a  
8 violation of this Act in any subsequent proceeding brought by  
9 the Attorney General against the alleged violator.

10 (330 ILCS 45/9.2 new)

11 Sec. 9.2. Remedies.

12 (a) Whenever the Attorney General has reason to believe  
13 that any person, group, or entity is violating, has violated,  
14 or is about to violate Section 8 or 9 or subsection (a), (b),  
15 or (c) of Section 10, the Attorney General may bring an action  
16 in the name of the People of the State against the person,  
17 group, or entity to restrain by preliminary or permanent  
18 injunction the use of any practice that violates Section 8 or 9  
19 or subsection (a), (b), or (c) of Section 10. In such an  
20 action, the court may award restitution to recoup the loss of  
21 moneys set aside to provide services to veterans or any other  
22 relief that the court deems proper.

23 (b) In addition, the court may assess a civil penalty not  
24 to exceed \$5,000 for each violation of Section 8 or 9 or  
25 subsection (a), (b), or (c) of Section 10.



1       (c) In any action brought under the provisions of Section  
2       8 or 9 or subsection (a), (b), or (c) of Section 10, the  
3       Attorney General is entitled to recover costs.

4       (d) If a court orders a party to make payments to the  
5       Attorney General and the payments are to be used for the  
6       operations of the Office of the Attorney General or a party  
7       agrees, in an out-of-court settlement, to make payment to the  
8       Attorney General for the operations of the Office of the  
9       Attorney General, then moneys shall be deposited into the  
10       Attorney General Court Ordered and Voluntary Compliance  
11       Payment Projects Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used,  
12       subject to appropriation, for the performance of any function  
13       pertaining to the exercise of the duties of the Attorney  
14       General, including, but not limited to, enforcement of any law  
15       of this State and conducting public education programs.  
16       However, any moneys in the Fund that are required by the court  
17       or by an agreement to be used for a particular purpose shall be  
18       used for that purpose.

19           (330 ILCS 45/10) (from Ch. 23, par. 3090)

20           Sec. 10. Superintendents and counties.

21           (a) The executive powers of the Commission shall be vested  
22           in a superintendent selected or appointed ~~elected~~ by a vote  
23           from a majority of the full Commission membership and who  
24           shall have received an honorable discharge from the armed  
25           forces of the United States.

1       (b) Superintendent vacancies shall be filled, whether  
2       long-term or temporarily, at the next regularly scheduled full  
3       Commission meeting or within 30 days at a specially convened  
4       meeting, whichever comes sooner, and shall be selected by a  
5       vote from a majority of the full Commission membership.

6       (c) Any individual who may be tasked with assuming the  
7       duties of or may be vested with the executive powers of a  
8       superintendent, whether as acting or interim superintendent,  
9       must be selected or appointed by a vote from a majority of the  
10       full Commission membership and must have received an honorable  
11       discharge from the armed forces of the United States.

12       (d) The designated superintendent of the Veterans  
13       Assistance Commission of the county shall, under the direction  
14       of the Commission, have charge of and maintain an office in the  
15       county building or a central location within the county, to be  
16       used solely by the Commission for providing the just,  
17       necessary, and needed services mandated by law.

18       (e) The county shall provide for the funding of the office  
19       and ~~provide furnish~~ all necessary furnishings, supplies, and  
20       services as passed by the county board in its annual  
21       appropriation, and the county shall provide or fund services,  
22       including, but not limited to, human resources and payroll  
23       support; information technology services and equipment;  
24       telephone services and equipment; printing services and  
25       equipment; postage costs; and liability insurance. Any  
26       litigation or legal settlement that has a financial impact to

1 the county is subject to the approval of the county board.  
2 ~~telephone, printing, stationery, and postage therefor.~~

3 (f) The county shall also provide to the employees of the  
4 Commission all benefits available to county employees,  
5 including, but not limited to, benefits offered through the  
6 Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund or any other applicable  
7 county retirement fund; health, life, and dental insurance;  
8 and workers compensation insurance. Employer contributions and  
9 costs for these benefits, services, and coverages may come  
10 from Commission funds. Counties not currently providing  
11 benefits to Commission employees must comply with this  
12 subsection within 90 days after the effective date of this  
13 amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly.

14 (g) The county board shall, in any county where a Veterans  
15 Assistance Commission is organized, in addition to sums  
16 appropriated for these just, necessary, and needed services as  
17 provided by law and approved by the Commission under this Act,  
18 appropriate such additional sums, upon recommendation of the  
19 Veterans Assistance Commission, to properly compensate, in  
20 accordance with the requirements of subsection (g) of Section  
21 9 and subsection (e) of this Section, the officers and  
22 employees required to administer such assistance. The county  
23 board shall also provide funds to the Commission to reimburse  
24 the superintendent, officers, delegates and employees for  
25 certain expenses which are approved by the Commission. The  
26 superintendent and other employees shall be employees of the

1 Veterans Assistance Commission, and no provision in this  
2 Section or elsewhere in this Act shall be construed to mean  
3 that they are employees of the county.

4 (h) Superintendents, subject to rules formulated by the  
5 Commission, shall select, as far as possible, Veteran Service  
6 Officers and other employees from among military veterans,  
7 including those who have served or may still be serving as  
8 members of the Illinois National Guard or a reserve component  
9 of the armed forces of the United States, who did not receive a  
10 bad conduct or dishonorable discharge or other equivalent  
11 discharge thereof, or their spouses, surviving spouses, or  
12 children. Employees of the Commission shall be at-will  
13 employees.

14 (i) In a county with less than 2,000,000 inhabitants, the  
15 superintendent may, in conformance with subsection (f) of  
16 Section 3-9005 of the Counties Code, request ~~legal assistance~~  
17 from the State's Attorney serving the county in which the  
18 Veterans Assistance Commission is located, an opinion upon any  
19 question of law relating to a matter in which the county  
20 Veterans Assistance Commission may be concerned. With regard  
21 to matters involving Section 8 or 9 or subsection (a), (b), or  
22 (c) of Section 10, the State's Attorney shall confer with the  
23 Office of the Attorney General before rendering an opinion.

24 (j) Superintendents of all counties subject to this Act,  
25 when required by the Commission, shall give bond in the sum of  
26 \$2,000 for the faithful performance of their duties.

1       (k) All persons ~~elected or~~ selected or appointed to fill  
2 positions provided for in this Section shall be exempt from  
3 the operation and provisions of any civil service act or laws  
4 of this State, and the secretary of the Commission shall be  
5 appointed by the superintendent.

6       (Source: P.A. 102-56, eff. 7-9-21; 102-732, eff. 1-1-23.)

7               (330 ILCS 45/12 new)

8       Sec. 12. Home rule. A home rule unit may not operate, act,  
9 or fail to act in a manner that is inconsistent with the  
10 provisions of this Act. This Section is a limitation under  
11 subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois  
12 Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home rule units of  
13 powers and functions exercised by the State.

14       Section 999. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
15 becoming law.