



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB1415

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 2605/3

from Ch. 42, par. 322

Amends the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act. Requires the advice and consent of the Senate for Governor appointments to fill a trustee vacancy in the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. Provides that if, during a recess of the Senate, there is a vacancy in an office of trustee, the Governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of the Senate when the Governor shall make a nomination to fill the vacant office. 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 Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act  
5 is amended by changing Section 3 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 2605/3) (from Ch. 42, par. 322)

7 Sec. 3. The corporate authority of the Sanitary District  
8 of Chicago shall consist of nine trustees. Such trustees shall  
9 be elected for staggered terms at the election provided by the  
10 general election law. Three trustees shall be elected at each  
11 such election to succeed the 3 trustees whose terms expire in  
12 such year.

13 Such trustees shall take office on the first Tuesday after  
14 the first Monday in the month following the month of their  
15 election and shall hold their offices for six years and until  
16 their successors shall be elected and qualified. In all  
17 elections for trustees each elector may vote for as many  
18 candidates as there are trustees to be elected, but no elector  
19 may give to such candidates more than one vote, it being the  
20 intent and purpose of this Act to prohibit cumulative voting  
21 in the selection of members of the board of the sanitary  
22 district.

23 The election of trustees shall be in accordance with the

1 provisions of the general election law.

2 By reason of the importance and character of the services  
3 performed by the sanitary district, there is a great need and  
4 it is in the public interest that such services be performed in  
5 as near a non-partisan character as possible.

6 When a vacancy exists in the office of trustees of any  
7 sanitary district organized under the provisions hereof, the  
8 vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Governor, by and  
9 with the advice and consent of the Senate, until the next  
10 regular election at which trustees of the Sanitary District of  
11 Chicago are elected, and thereafter until a successor shall be  
12 elected and qualified. If, during a recess of the Senate,  
13 there is a vacancy in an office of trustee, the Governor shall  
14 make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of the  
15 Senate when the Governor shall make a nomination to fill the  
16 vacant office.

17 Such sanitary district shall from the time of the first  
18 election held by it under this Act be construed in all courts  
19 to be a body corporate and politic, and by the name and style  
20 of the sanitary district of...., and by such name and style may  
21 sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with, acquire and  
22 hold real estate and personal property necessary for corporate  
23 purposes, and adopt a common seal and alter the same at  
24 pleasure.

25 The board of trustees shall have the power to change the  
26 name of the Sanitary District of Chicago by ordinance and

1 public notice without impairing the legal status of acts  
2 theretofore performed by said district. Thereafter any and all  
3 references to the Sanitary District of Chicago in this Act or  
4 otherwise shall mean and include the name under which such  
5 sanitary district is then operating. No rights, duties or  
6 privilege of such a sanitary district, or those of any person,  
7 existing before the change of name shall be affected by a  
8 change, in the name of a sanitary district. All proceedings  
9 pending in any court in favor of or against such sanitary  
10 district may continue to final consummation under the name in  
11 which they were commenced.

12 (Source: P.A. 83-345.)

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14 becoming law.