



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

SB1651

Introduced 2/8/2023, by Sen. Rachel Ventura

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

60 ILCS 1/25-5

Amends the Discontinuance of Township Organization Article of the Township Code. Provides that, when a petition to discontinue township organization meeting the required voter threshold has been filed, the township shall hold, no later than 60 days before the general election in which the proposition will be voted on, at least 2 town hall meetings regarding the question of the continuance of township organization. At the meetings, requires the township board to provide the public (i) an analysis of the cost to citizens regarding services if the discontinuance referendum passes and (ii) information on whether an intergovernmental agreement exists with a unit of local government bordering the township under which the other unit of local government will provide services upon the discontinuance of the township.

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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 Township Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 25-5 as follows:

6 (60 ILCS 1/25-5)

7 Sec. 25-5. Petition and referendum to discontinue township  
8 organization. Upon the petition of at least 10% of the  
9 registered voters of each township of a county, as determined  
10 on the date registration closed before the regular election  
11 next preceding the last day on which the petition may be filed,  
12 that has adopted township organization, the county board shall  
13 certify and cause to be submitted to the voters of the county,  
14 at the next general election, the question of the continuance  
15 of township organization. A signature on a petition shall not  
16 be valid or counted in considering the petition unless the  
17 form requirements are complied with and the date of each  
18 signature is less than 90 days before the last day for filing  
19 the petition. The statement of the person who circulates the  
20 petition must include an attestation (i) indicating the dates  
21 on which that sheet was circulated, (ii) indicating the first  
22 and last date on which that sheet was circulated, or (iii)  
23 certifying that none of the signatures on the sheet was signed

1 more than 90 days before the last day for filing the petition.

2 When a petition meeting the required voter threshold has  
3 been filed under this Section, the township shall hold, no  
4 later than 60 days before the general election in which the  
5 proposition will be voted on, at least 2 town hall meetings  
6 regarding the question of the continuance of township  
7 organization. At the meetings, the township board shall  
8 provide the public (i) an analysis of the cost to citizens  
9 regarding services if the discontinuance referendum passes and  
10 (ii) information on whether an intergovernmental agreement  
11 exists with a unit of local government bordering the township  
12 under which the other unit of local government will provide  
13 services upon the discontinuance of the township.

14 The proposition shall be substantially in the form:

15 Shall township organization be continued in (name of  
16 county)?

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

18 The petition shall be treated and the proposition  
19 certified in the manner provided by the general election law.  
20 After the proposition has once been submitted to the  
21 electorate, the proposition shall not be resubmitted for 4  
22 years.

23 (Source: P.A. 89-235, eff. 8-4-95; 90-112, eff. 1-1-98.)