

1 AN ACT concerning debt collection.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois State Collection Act of 1986 is
5 amended by changing Section 8 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 210/8) (from Ch. 15, par. 158)

7 Sec. 8. Debt Collection Board. There is created a Debt
8 Collection Board consisting of the Director of Central
9 Management Services as chairman, the State Comptroller, and
10 the Attorney General, or their respective designees. The
11 Board shall establish a centralized collections service to
12 undertake further collection efforts on delinquent accounts
13 or claims of the State that ~~whieh~~ have not been collected
14 through the reasonable efforts of the respective State
15 agencies. The Board shall promulgate rules and regulations
16 pursuant to the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act with
17 regard to the establishment of timetables and the assumption
18 of responsibility for agency accounts receivable that have
19 not been collected by the agency, are not subject to a
20 current repayment plan, or have not been certified as
21 uncollectible as of the date specified by the Board. The
22 Board shall make a final evaluation of those accounts and
23 either (i) direct or conduct further collection activities
24 when further collection efforts are in the best economic
25 interest of the State or (ii) in accordance with Section 2 of
26 the Uncollected State Claims Act, certify the receivable as
27 uncollectible or submit the account to the Attorney General
28 for that certification.

29 The Board is empowered to adopt rules and regulations
30 subject to the provisions of the Illinois Administrative
31 Procedure Act.

1 The Board is empowered to enter into one or more
2 contracts with outside vendors with demonstrated capabilities
3 in the area of account collection. The contracts shall be
4 let on the basis of competitive proposals secured from
5 responsible proposers. The Board may require that vendors be
6 prequalified. All contracts shall provide for a contingent
7 fee based on the age, nature, amount, and type of delinquent
8 account. The Board may adopt a reasonable classification
9 schedule for the various receivables. The contractor shall
10 remit the amount collected, net of the contingent fee, to the
11 respective State agency which shall deposit the net amount
12 received into the fund that would have received the receipt
13 had it been collected by the State agency. No portion of the
14 collections shall be deposited into an Accounts Receivable
15 Fund established under Section 6 of this Act. The Board
16 shall act only upon the unanimous vote of its members.

17 (Source: P.A. 89-511, eff. 1-1-97.)