

1 AN ACT concerning special districts.

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

4 Section 5. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 1.05 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 3615/1.05) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 701.05)

7 Sec. 1.05. Referendum on Establishment. A special  
8 referendum election shall be held at which there shall be  
9 submitted to the electors in the metropolitan region the  
10 proposition to approve creation of the Authority, which  
11 proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

12 Shall a Regional Transportation Authority be created for  
13 Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties,  
14 Illinois?

15 The special referendum election shall be conducted by the  
16 County Clerks and Boards of Election Commissioners in the  
17 metropolitan region pursuant to the provisions of "the  
18 Election Code", ~~approved-May-117-1943,-as-amended7~~ except as  
19 is specifically provided otherwise in this Section. The  
20 special referendum election shall be held at the same time  
21 and with the same judges, polling places and precincts as for  
22 the regular primary elections to be held on March 19, 1974,  
23 in the metropolitan region.

24 The proposition shall be submitted to the electors on a  
25 separate paper ballot to be printed on blue paper. The State  
26 Board of Elections shall prepare and certify the form of  
27 ballot to the County Clerks and Boards of Election  
28 Commissioners in the metropolitan region.

29 Notice of the referendum election shall be given by the  
30 State Board of Elections. In addition, such notice may be  
31 given by the County Clerks and Boards of Election

1 Commissioners. Each notice of the special election shall set  
2 forth the proposition to be voted upon, the date of the  
3 election and the time the polling places will be open and  
4 shall state that the polling places and precincts for such  
5 election shall be the same as for the primary elections held  
6 on such date. The notice given by the State Board of  
7 Elections shall be published in one or more daily newspapers  
8 of general circulation in the metropolitan region at least  
9 once not less than 20 days prior to the election. Notice of  
10 the special referendum election need not set forth the  
11 precincts or polling places in detail. Notices given by  
12 County Clerks or Boards of Election Commissioners shall be in  
13 the form prescribed by the State Board of Elections.

14 The votes shall be canvassed and returned in the manner  
15 provided for public measures submitted to the electors of the  
16 entire State, including the provisions for tally sheets,  
17 certificates of results, canvassing and abstracts of votes.  
18 Only those ballots properly marked yes or no shall be counted  
19 in the referendum. Each municipal Board of Election  
20 Commissioners shall make its return to the County Clerk of  
21 the County in which it is located; the County Clerks and any  
22 County Board of Election Commissioners shall each make  
23 returns covering their entire county to the State Board of  
24 Elections. Each County Clerk and Board of Election  
25 Commissioners shall prepare and certify an abstract of votes  
26 cast on the proposition in the precincts within its election  
27 jurisdiction. The County Clerks and any county Board of  
28 Election Commissioners shall transmit the certified abstracts  
29 to the State Board of Elections with its return within 10  
30 days of the referendum. To meet this deadline, the County  
31 Clerks and Boards of Election Commissioners shall canvass the  
32 votes cast in the special referendum election prior to  
33 canvassing the votes cast for any office in the regular  
34 primary election, and may certify the results of and make

1 returns on the special referendum election prior to  
2 completing those procedures for the regular primary  
3 elections.

4 The State Board of Elections shall proclaim and certify  
5 the results of the referendum election. If a majority of  
6 those electors properly marking ballots on the proposition  
7 vote in favor of the creation of the Authority, such  
8 Authority shall thereby be established.

9 (Source: P.A. 78-3rd S.S.-5.)