

1 AN ACT concerning forest preserves.

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

4 Section 5. The Downstate Forest Preserve District Act is
5 amended by changing Section 8 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 805/8) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6315)

7 Sec. 8. The board shall be the corporate authority of
8 such forest preserve district and shall have power to pass
9 and enforce all necessary ordinances, rules and regulations
10 for the management of the property and conduct of the
11 business of such district. The president of such board shall
12 have power to appoint such employees as may be necessary. In
13 counties with population of less than 3,000,000, within 60
14 days after their selection the commissioners appointed under
15 the provisions of Section 3a of this Act shall organize by
16 selecting from their members a president, secretary,
17 treasurer and such other officers as are deemed necessary who
18 shall hold office for the fiscal year in which elected and
19 until their successors are selected and qualify. In the one
20 district in existence on July 1, 1977, that is managed by an
21 appointed board of commissioners, the incumbent president and
22 the other officers appointed in the manner as originally
23 prescribed in this Act shall hold such offices until the
24 completion of their respective terms or in the case of the
25 officers other than president until their successors are
26 appointed by said president, but in all cases not to extend
27 beyond January 1, 1980 and until their successors are
28 selected and qualify. Thereafter, the officers shall be
29 selected in the manner as prescribed in this Section except
30 that their first term of office shall not expire until June
31 30, 1981 and until their successors are selected and qualify.

1 In any county, city, village, incorporated town or
2 sanitary district where the corporate authorities act as the
3 governing body of a forest preserve district, the person
4 exercising the powers of the president of the board shall
5 have power to appoint a secretary and an assistant secretary
6 and treasurer and an assistant treasurer and such other
7 officers and such employees as may be necessary. The
8 assistant secretary and assistant treasurer shall perform the
9 duties of the secretary and treasurer, respectively in case
10 of death of such officers or when such officers are unable to
11 perform the duties of their respective offices. All contracts
12 for supplies, material or work involving an expenditure in
13 excess of \$15,000 ~~\$10,000~~ shall be let to the lowest
14 responsible bidder, after advertising at least once in one or
15 more newspapers of general circulation within the district,
16 excepting: (a) work requiring personal confidence; (b) work
17 by individuals possessing a high degree of professional skill
18 where the ability or fitness of the individual plays an
19 important part; (c) contracts for utility service, such as
20 gas and electric; (d) contracts for services or supplies that
21 require integration with existing systems or existing
22 computer hardware and software, such as security systems and
23 integrated computer systems; (e) contracts for the purchase
24 of magazines, books, periodicals, and similar articles of an
25 educational or instructional nature; (f) contracts that by
26 their nature are not adapted to award by competitive bidding,
27 such as telecommunication systems and contracts for services
28 or supplies that are available only from a single source; (g)
29 contracts for maintaining, servicing, or providing repair
30 parts for equipment that are made with the manufacturer or
31 authorized service agent of that equipment when providing
32 parts, maintaining, or servicing can best be performed by the
33 manufacturer or authorized service agent; and (h) contracts
34 required to meet an immediate emergency affecting the public

1 health, safety, or welfare, in which case the board of
2 commissioners must set forth the nature of the danger to the
3 public health, safety, or welfare or necessary supplies under
4 the control of monopolies, where competitive bidding is
5 impossible. Contracts for supplies, material or work
6 involving an expenditure of \$15,000 \$10,000 or less may be
7 let without advertising for bids, but whenever practicable,
8 at least 3 competitive bids shall be obtained before letting
9 such contract. All contracts for supplies, material or work
10 shall be signed by the president of the board of
11 commissioners or by any such other officer as the board in
12 its discretion may designate.

13 The president of any board of commissioners appointed
14 under the provisions of Section 3a of this Act shall receive
15 a salary not to exceed the sum of \$2500 per annum and the
16 salary of other members of the board so appointed shall not
17 exceed \$1500 per annum. Salaries of the commissioners,
18 officers and employees shall be fixed by ordinance.

19 (Source: P.A. 85-993.)