

1 AN ACT concerning counties.

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

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 2-3002 and by adding Section 3-3002.3 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/2-3002) (from Ch. 34, par. 2-3002)

7 Sec. 2-3002. Counties with population of less than  
8 3,000,000 and with township form of government. By July 1,  
9 1971, and each 10 years thereafter, the county board of each  
10 county having a population of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants  
11 and the township form of government shall reapportion its  
12 county so that each member of the county board represents the  
13 same number of inhabitants. In reapportioning its county, the  
14 county board shall first determine the size of the county  
15 board to be elected, which may consist of not less than 5 nor  
16 more than 29 members and may not exceed the size of the  
17 county board in that county on October 2, 1969. If a  
18 referendum is passed under Section 2-3002.3, then the county  
19 board shall use the number of county board members set forth  
20 in that referendum as the size of the county board. The  
21 county board shall also determine whether board members shall  
22 be elected at large from the county or by county board  
23 districts.

24 If the chairman of the county board is to be elected by  
25 the voters in a county of less than 450,000 population as  
26 provided in Section 2-3007, such chairman shall not be  
27 counted as a member of the county board for the purpose of  
28 the limitations on the size of a county board provided in  
29 this Section.

30 (Source: P.A. 86-962.)

1 (55 ILCS 5/2-3002.3 new)

2 Sec. 2-3002.3. Size of board; referendum.

3 (a) Upon filing of a petition with the clerk of the  
4 circuit court of the county within the time provided in the  
5 general election law signed by electors of the county equal  
6 in number to at least 8% of the number of votes cast in the  
7 county for Governor at the preceding gubernatorial election  
8 requesting that the size of the county board be reduced to an  
9 amount of not less than 17 members, the clerk of the circuit  
10 court shall transmit the petition to the chief judge of the  
11 circuit court who shall determine the sufficiency of the  
12 petition or shall assign the determination of the sufficiency  
13 to a circuit judge, who shall make the determination. If the  
14 judge determines that the petition is sufficient, he or she  
15 shall certify the sufficiency of the petition and shall issue  
16 an order directing the county clerk and the county board to  
17 provide for the submission of the proposition to the electors  
18 of the county at the next general election.

19 The referendum shall be conducted in accordance with the  
20 general election law.

21 The proposition shall be in substantially the following  
22 form:

23 Shall the County Board of (name of county) be  
24 reduced from (current number of board members) members to  
25 (reduced number of board members not less than 17)  
26 members?

27 The election authority must record the votes as "Yes" or  
28 "No".

29 (b) If a majority of the electors voting on the  
30 proposition in subsection (a) vote in favor of it, then the  
31 county board must use the reduced number of county board  
32 members as the size of the county board to be elected the  
33 next time that it reapportions the county under Section  
34 2-3002.

1       (c) This Section applies only if the Illinois  
2       Constitution is amended to allow the number of county board  
3       members to be fixed by county-wide referendum.