

1 AN ACT concerning a statewide advisory referendum on the
2 State budget crisis.

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

5 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
6 State Budget Crisis Referendum Act.

7 Section 5. Purpose. Illinois, as almost all other
8 states, is currently experiencing a State budget crisis. At
9 the same time, however, Illinois enjoys relatively modest
10 rates of State income tax: 3% on individuals, estates, and
11 trusts and 4.8% on corporations. The purpose of this Act is
12 to seek the advice of the voters as to whether a temporary
13 increase in the State income tax is warranted to help solve
14 this crisis.

15 Section 10. Budget crisis advisory questions. The
16 following advisory questions shall be submitted to the voters
17 of the entire State at the 2003 consolidated election:

18 (1) Should the General Assembly and the Governor
19 temporarily increase the Illinois income tax to help
20 solve the current State budget crisis?

21 (2) Should this temporary increase be limited to no
22 more than 2 tax years?

23 (3) Should this temporary increase be limited to
24 increasing the rate of tax for individuals, trusts, and
25 estates by no more than one percentage point and the rate
26 for corporations by no more than one and six-tenths of a
27 percentage point?

28 All of these 3 questions shall be placed on a single,
29 separate ballot. The votes on each question shall be recorded
30 as "Yes" or "No".

1 Section 15. Certification. The State Board of Elections
2 shall immediately certify the questions to be submitted to
3 the voters of the entire State under Section 10 to the
4 respective county clerks and to the board of election
5 commissioners, if any, in their respective counties.

6 Section 20. Conflicts. If any provision of this Act
7 conflicts with any other law, this Act controls.

8 Section 90. Repeal. This Act is repealed on July 1,
9 2003.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.