

1 AN ACT concerning indigent senior citizens and disabled  
2 persons.

3 WHEREAS, adequate housing, quality health care,  
4 nutritional food, and utilities relief is becoming of  
5 increasing concern to senior citizens and disabled persons  
6 who are indigent; and

7 WHEREAS, insurance and pharmaceutical industries should  
8 help to build a regional hospital and supply some of the  
9 funding to this project so that each congressional district  
10 will be able to supply needed medical attention to the  
11 indigent senior citizen and disabled person; and

12 WHEREAS, general construction contractors and the food  
13 industry should provide for the maintenance of this regional  
14 hospital and contribute the necessary funding; and

15 WHEREAS, the utility industry should provide the senior  
16 citizen and disabled person a flat rate usage for light, gas,  
17 and telephone service after requesting the necessary findings  
18 sought from the Illinois Commerce Commission; and

19 WHEREAS, health care industries doing business with the  
20 State of Illinois should also support this Act by  
21 contributing 1 1/2% to 3% of their net profit so that the  
22 indigent senior citizen and disabled person would be able to  
23 survive and live a longer life; therefore

24 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
25 represented in the General Assembly:

26 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
27 Indigent Senior Citizen and Disabled Person Survival Act.

28 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

1 "Authority" means the Indigent Senior Citizen and  
2 Disabled Person Survival Authority.

3 "Fund" means the Indigent Senior Citizen and Disabled  
4 Person Survival Authority Fund.

5 Section 10. The Indigent Senior Citizen and Disabled  
6 Person Survival Authority.

7 (a) There is created the Indigent Senior Citizen and  
8 Disabled Person Survival Authority that is constituted as an  
9 instrumentally and an administrative agency of the State of  
10 Illinois. The Authority shall consist of 11 members from each  
11 Congressional district in the State of Illinois. Members  
12 shall be selected in non-partisan elections held concurrently  
13 with the State of Illinois elections of the Governor and  
14 other officials. The 11 candidates with the most votes in  
15 each Congressional district shall be elected. The term of the  
16 elected Authority shall be concurrent and commensurate with  
17 the term of the Governor or for 4 years. These elected  
18 members shall select their own chair.

19 (b) The Authority shall seek funds from the insurance,  
20 general contractors, pharmaceutical, food, utilities, and  
21 health care industries doing business in the State of  
22 Illinois and from block grants and other funds available  
23 through the federal government.

24 (c) The Authority shall oversee moneys distributed from  
25 the Indigent Senior Citizen and Disabled Person Survival  
26 Authority Fund established under the provisions of Section  
27 15. The Authority shall establish procedures for managing  
28 and accounting for the moneys distributed from the Fund.

29 (d) The Authority shall conduct negotiations with  
30 utility companies, common carriers, communications companies,  
31 and other service providers for discounted or flat rates to  
32 assist indigent persons who are 62 years of age or older or  
33 who are mentally disabled to obtain needed services.

1 Section 15. The Indigent Senior Citizen and Disabled  
2 Person Survival Authority Fund.

3 (a) The Indigent Senior Citizen and Disabled Person  
4 Survival Authority Fund is created as a special fund in the  
5 State treasury. All money in the Fund shall be distributed,  
6 subject to appropriation by the General Assembly, to the  
7 Authority.

8 (b) Annual voluntary contributions from housing,  
9 insurance, pharmaceutical, food distributing, and utility  
10 companies seeking licenses or license renewal to do business  
11 in the State of Illinois shall be deposited into the Fund.  
12 The specific amounts of these contributions shall be  
13 determined by the Authority and shall be based on the  
14 percentage of profits earned in Illinois reported each year  
15 by each company for the year preceding license or license  
16 renewal applications. When the company is submitting an  
17 application for the first time, the percentage should not  
18 exceed 1 1/2%. The amount of voluntary contributions by  
19 other companies shall be based on their scope and expected  
20 profits but not to exceed overall 3% uniformly throughout the  
21 State. Contributions should be remitted to the Authority  
22 within 60 days of notification of the amount by the  
23 Authority.

24 (c) The moneys distributed from the Fund shall be used  
25 exclusively for indigent persons, who have an individual  
26 income of less than \$10,000 per annum and are residents of  
27 the State of Illinois and who are 62 years of age or older or  
28 are mentally or physically disabled as defined by the  
29 Americans With Disabilities Act, to provide them with  
30 hospital, surgical and medical care, food, and utility  
31 services through supplemental vouchers under rules issued by  
32 the Authority.

33 Section 70. The Election Code is amended by changing

1 Section 2A-1.2 as follows:

2 (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 2A-1.2)

3 Sec. 2A-1.2. Consolidated Schedule of Elections -  
4 Offices Designated.

5 (a) At the general election in the appropriate  
6 even-numbered years, the following offices shall be filled or  
7 shall be on the ballot as otherwise required by this Code:

8 (1) Elector of President and Vice President of the  
9 United States;

10 (2) United States Senator and United States  
11 Representative;

12 (3) State Executive Branch elected officers;

13 (4) State Senator and State Representative;

14 (5) County elected officers, including State's  
15 Attorney, County Board member, County Commissioners, and  
16 elected President of the County Board or County Chief  
17 Executive;

18 (6) Circuit Court Clerk;

19 (7) Regional Superintendent of Schools, except in  
20 counties or educational service regions in which that  
21 office has been abolished;

22 (8) Judges of the Supreme, Appellate and Circuit  
23 Courts, on the question of retention, to fill vacancies  
24 and newly created judicial offices;

25 (9) (Blank);

26 (10) Trustee of the Metropolitan Sanitary District  
27 of Chicago, and elected Trustee of other Sanitary  
28 Districts;

29 (11) Special District elected officers, not  
30 otherwise designated in this Section, where the statute  
31 creating or authorizing the creation of the district  
32 requires an annual election and permits or requires  
33 election of candidates of political parties;:-

1           (12) In 2006 and every 4 years thereafter, members  
2           of the Indigent Senior Citizen and Disabled Person  
3           Survival Authority.

4           (b) At the general primary election:

5                 (1) in each even-numbered year candidates of  
6                 political parties shall be nominated for those offices to  
7                 be filled at the general election in that year, except  
8                 where pursuant to law nomination of candidates of  
9                 political parties is made by caucus.

10                (2) in the appropriate even-numbered years the  
11                political party offices of State central committeeman,  
12                township committeeman, ward committeeman, and precinct  
13                committeeman shall be filled and delegates and alternate  
14                delegates to the National nominating conventions shall be  
15                elected as may be required pursuant to this Code. In the  
16                even-numbered years in which a Presidential election is  
17                to be held, candidates in the Presidential preference  
18                primary shall also be on the ballot.

19                (3) in each even-numbered year, where the  
20                municipality has provided for annual elections to elect  
21                municipal officers pursuant to Section 6(f) or Section 7  
22                of Article VII of the Constitution, pursuant to the  
23                Illinois Municipal Code or pursuant to the municipal  
24                charter, the offices of such municipal officers shall be  
25                filled at an election held on the date of the general  
26                primary election, provided that the municipal election  
27                shall be a nonpartisan election where required by the  
28                Illinois Municipal Code. For partisan municipal  
29                elections in even-numbered years, a primary to nominate  
30                candidates for municipal office to be elected at the  
31                general primary election shall be held on the Tuesday 6  
32                weeks preceding that election.

33                (4) in each school district which has adopted the  
34                provisions of Article 33 of the School Code, successors

1 to the members of the board of education whose terms  
2 expire in the year in which the general primary is held  
3 shall be elected.

4 (c) At the consolidated election in the appropriate  
5 odd-numbered years, the following offices shall be filled:

6 (1) Municipal officers, provided that in  
7 municipalities in which candidates for alderman or other  
8 municipal office are not permitted by law to be  
9 candidates of political parties, the runoff election  
10 where required by law, or the nonpartisan election where  
11 required by law, shall be held on the date of the  
12 consolidated election; and provided further, in the case  
13 of municipal officers provided for by an ordinance  
14 providing the form of government of the municipality  
15 pursuant to Section 7 of Article VII of the Constitution,  
16 such offices shall be filled by election or by runoff  
17 election as may be provided by such ordinance;

18 (2) Village and incorporated town library  
19 directors;

20 (3) City boards of stadium commissioners;

21 (4) Commissioners of park districts;

22 (5) Trustees of public library districts;

23 (6) Special District elected officers, not  
24 otherwise designated in this section, where the statute  
25 creating or authorizing the creation of the district  
26 permits or requires election of candidates of political  
27 parties;

28 (7) Township officers, including township park  
29 commissioners, township library directors, and boards of  
30 managers of community buildings, and Multi-Township  
31 Assessors;

32 (8) Highway commissioners and road district clerks;

33 (9) Members of school boards in school districts  
34 which adopt Article 33 of the School Code;

1           (10) The directors and chairman of the Chain O  
2 Lakes - Fox River Waterway Management Agency;

3           (11) Forest preserve district commissioners elected  
4 under Section 3.5 of the Downstate Forest Preserve  
5 District Act;

6           (12) Elected members of school boards, school  
7 trustees, directors of boards of school directors,  
8 trustees of county boards of school trustees (except in  
9 counties or educational service regions having a  
10 population of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants) and members  
11 of boards of school inspectors, except school boards in  
12 school districts that adopt Article 33 of the School  
13 Code;

14           (13) Members of Community College district boards;

15           (14) Trustees of Fire Protection Districts;

16           (15) Commissioners of the Springfield Metropolitan  
17 Exposition and Auditorium Authority;

18           (16) Elected Trustees of Tuberculosis Sanitarium  
19 Districts;

20           (17) Elected Officers of special districts not  
21 otherwise designated in this Section for which the law  
22 governing those districts does not permit candidates of  
23 political parties.

24           (d) At the consolidated primary election in each  
25 odd-numbered year, candidates of political parties shall be  
26 nominated for those offices to be filled at the consolidated  
27 election in that year, except where pursuant to law  
28 nomination of candidates of political parties is made by  
29 caucus, and except those offices listed in paragraphs (12)  
30 through (17) of subsection (c).

31           At the consolidated primary election in the appropriate  
32 odd-numbered years, the mayor, clerk, treasurer, and aldermen  
33 shall be elected in municipalities in which candidates for  
34 mayor, clerk, treasurer, or alderman are not permitted by law

1 to be candidates of political parties, subject to runoff  
2 elections to be held at the consolidated election as may be  
3 required by law, and municipal officers shall be nominated in  
4 a nonpartisan election in municipalities in which pursuant to  
5 law candidates for such office are not permitted to be  
6 candidates of political parties.

7 At the consolidated primary election in the appropriate  
8 odd-numbered years, municipal officers shall be nominated or  
9 elected, or elected subject to a runoff, as may be provided  
10 by an ordinance providing a form of government of the  
11 municipality pursuant to Section 7 of Article VII of the  
12 Constitution.

13 (e) (Blank).

14 (f) At any election established in Section 2A-1.1,  
15 public questions may be submitted to voters pursuant to this  
16 Code and any special election otherwise required or  
17 authorized by law or by court order may be conducted pursuant  
18 to this Code.

19 Notwithstanding the regular dates for election of  
20 officers established in this Article, whenever a referendum  
21 is held for the establishment of a political subdivision  
22 whose officers are to be elected, the initial officers shall  
23 be elected at the election at which such referendum is held  
24 if otherwise so provided by law. In such cases, the election  
25 of the initial officers shall be subject to the referendum.

26 Notwithstanding the regular dates for election of  
27 officials established in this Article, any community college  
28 district which becomes effective by operation of law pursuant  
29 to Section 6-6.1 of the Public Community College Act, as now  
30 or hereafter amended, shall elect the initial district board  
31 members at the next regularly scheduled election following  
32 the effective date of the new district.

33 (g) At any election established in Section 2A-1.1, if in  
34 any precinct there are no offices or public questions



1 required to be on the ballot under this Code then no election  
2 shall be held in the precinct on that date.

3 (h) There may be conducted a referendum in accordance  
4 with the provisions of Division 6-4 of the Counties Code.

5 (Source: P.A. 89-5, eff. 1-1-96; 89-95, eff. 1-1-96; 89-626,  
6 eff. 8-9-96; 90-358, eff. 1-1-98.)

7 Section 80. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
8 Section 5.595 as follows:

9 (30 ILCS 105/5.595 new)

10 Sec. 5.595. The Indigent Senior Citizen and Disabled  
11 Person Survival Authority Fund.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
13 becoming law.