

1 AN ACT regarding schools.

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

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing
5 Section 11A-2 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/11A-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 11A-2)

7 Sec. 11A-2. Organization of community unit districts;
8 territorial requirement. (1) Any contiguous and compact
9 territory of at least \$12,000,000 equalized assessed
10 valuation and having a population of not less than 4,000 and
11 not more than 500,000, no part of which is included within
12 any unit district, may be organized into a community unit
13 school district as provided in this Article; (2) the
14 territory of 2 or more entire unit school districts that are
15 contiguous to each other and the territory of which taken as
16 a whole is compact may be organized into a community unit
17 school district as provided in this Article; or (3) the
18 territory of one or more entire unit school districts that
19 are contiguous to each other plus any contiguous and compact
20 territory, no part of which is included within any unit
21 district, and the territory of which taken as a whole is
22 compact may be organized into a community unit school
23 district as provided in this Article; however, a petition or
24 petitions may be filed hereunder proposing to divide a unit
25 school district into 2 or more parts and proposing to include
26 all of such parts in 2 or more community unit districts. As
27 used in this Section, a unit school district includes, but is
28 not limited to, a special charter unit school district.

29 The territory of any high school district and fewer than
30 all of the elementary school districts included within the
31 high school district may be organized into a community unit

1 school district. Any such elementary school district not
2 participating in the reorganization shall remain an
3 elementary school district, and the territory of that
4 elementary school district shall be designated a non-high
5 school district pursuant to Article 12 of this Code.

6 The regional superintendent shall not accept for filing
7 hereunder any petition which includes therein any territory
8 already included as part of the territory described in
9 another petition filed hereunder. Hearings on a petition
10 filed hereunder shall not be commenced so long as any part of
11 the territory described therein shall include territory
12 described, whether by amendment or otherwise, in another
13 petition filed hereunder. A petition may be filed hereunder
14 which contains less than the required minimum equalized
15 assessed valuation or population requirements provided that
16 such a petition shall not be approved by the regional
17 superintendent and State Superintendent unless it is
18 determined: (1) that there is a compelling reason for
19 granting the petition; (2) that the territory involved cannot
20 currently be organized as part of a petition which meets the
21 minimum requirements; (3) that the granting of the petition
22 will not interfere with the ultimate reorganization of the
23 territory into a school district which meets the minimum
24 requirements; (4) that the granting of the petition is in the
25 best educational interests of the pupils affected; and (5)
26 that the granting of the petition is financially beneficial
27 to the affected school districts.

28 (Source: P.A. 88-555, eff. 7-27-94.)

29 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on July
30 1, 2003.