



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2005 and 2006**  
**SB2168**

Introduced 1/4/2006, by Sen. Susan Garrett

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

25 ILCS 135/5.02  
25 ILCS 145/5.09

from Ch. 63, par. 29.2

Amends the Legislative Information System Act and the Legislative Reference Bureau Act. For the 95th General Assembly and thereafter, requires LIS to make available on the General Assembly's web site the following additional bill status information: purpose or general idea of bill; justification for bill; prior legislative history; fiscal and other implications; and proponents and opponents. Requires LRB to include this additional information in the Legislative Synopsis and Digest.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
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1 AN ACT concerning the legislature.

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

4 Section 5. The Legislative Reference Bureau Act is amended  
5 by changing Section 5.02 as follows:

6 (25 ILCS 135/5.02) (from Ch. 63, par. 29.2)

7 Sec. 5.02. Legislative Synopsis and Digest.

8 (a) The Legislative Reference Bureau shall collect,  
9 catalogue, classify, index, completely digest, topically  
10 index, and summarize all bills, resolutions, and orders  
11 introduced in each branch of the General Assembly, as well as  
12 related amendments, conference committee reports, and veto  
13 messages, as soon as practicable after they have been printed.  
14 The Digest shall also include the information required under  
15 item (4.1) of Section 5.09 of the Legislative Information  
16 System Act.

17 (b) The Digest shall be published each week during the  
18 session of the General Assembly when practical.

19 (c) The Legislative Reference Bureau shall furnish,  
20 without cost, 2 copies of the Digest to each member of the  
21 General Assembly, 1 copy to each elected State officer in the  
22 executive department, 40 copies to the Chief Clerk of the House  
23 of Representatives and 30 copies to the Secretary of the Senate  
24 for the use of the committee clerks and employees of the  
25 respective offices, 15 copies to the Legislative Research Unit,  
26 and the number of copies requested in writing by the President  
27 of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Minority Leader of  
28 the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the House.

29 (d) The Legislative Reference Bureau shall also furnish to  
30 each county clerk, without cost, one copy of the Digest for  
31 each 100,000 inhabitants or fraction thereof in his or her  
32 county according to the last preceding federal decennial

1 census.

2 (e) Upon receipt of an application from any other person,  
3 signed by the applicant and accompanied by the payment of a fee  
4 of \$55, the Legislative Reference Bureau shall furnish to the  
5 applicant a copy of each Digest for the calendar year issued  
6 after receipt of the application.

7 (Source: P.A. 87-918.)

8 Section 10. The Legislative Information System Act is  
9 amended by changing Section 5.09 as follows:

10 (25 ILCS 145/5.09)

11 Sec. 5.09. Public computer access; legislative  
12 information. To make available to the public all of the  
13 following information in electronic form:

14 (1) On or before July 1, 1999, the weekly schedule of  
15 legislative floor sessions for each of the 2 houses of the  
16 General Assembly together with a list of matters pending  
17 before them and the weekly schedule of legislative  
18 committee hearings together with matters scheduled for  
19 their consideration.

20 (2) On or before July 1, 1999, a list of the committees  
21 of the General Assembly and their members.

22 (3) On or before July 1, 1999, the text of each bill  
23 and resolution introduced and of each engrossed, enrolled,  
24 and re-enrolled bill and resolution and the text of each  
25 adopted amendment and conference committee report.

26 (4) On or before July 1, 1999, a synopsis of items  
27 specified in paragraph (3) of this Section, together with a  
28 summary of legislative and gubernatorial actions regarding  
29 each bill and resolution introduced.

30 (4.1) For the Ninety-fifth General Assembly and  
31 thereafter, in addition to the bill status information  
32 required under item (4):

33 (A) The purpose or general idea of the bill. This  
34 information shall be provided to the Secretary of the

1 Senate or the Clerk of the House of Representatives, as  
2 applicable, by the principal sponsor of the bill in the  
3 chamber in which the bill is introduced. The Secretary  
4 or Clerk, as applicable, shall promptly forward the  
5 information to the Legislative Information System  
6 (LIS) in an electronic format. The information shall be  
7 limited to 200 words.

8 (B) The justification for the bill. This  
9 information shall be provided to the Secretary or the  
10 Clerk, as applicable, by the principal sponsor of the  
11 bill in the chamber in which the bill is introduced.  
12 The Secretary or Clerk, as applicable, shall promptly  
13 forward the information to LIS in an electronic format.  
14 The information shall be limited to 500 words.

15 (C) Prior legislative history. This information  
16 shall include an identification, limited to the bill  
17 number and number of the General Assembly, of all  
18 identical or substantially similar bills in the then  
19 current and the 2 previous General Assemblies. This  
20 information shall be provided to the Secretary or the  
21 Clerk, as applicable, by the principal sponsor of the  
22 bill in the chamber in which the bill is introduced.  
23 The Secretary or Clerk, as applicable, shall promptly  
24 forward the information to LIS in an electronic format.

25 (D) Fiscal and other implications. This  
26 information shall be a synopsis of each Fiscal Note,  
27 Pension Impact Note, Judicial Note, State Debt Impact  
28 Note, Correctional Budget and Impact Note, Home Rule  
29 Note, Balanced Budget Note, State Mandate Note, and  
30 similar note required to be filed by law with the  
31 Secretary or Clerk, as applicable, with respect to the  
32 bill. The synopsis shall be prepared by the Legislative  
33 Reference Bureau and provided to LIS in an electronic  
34 format as soon as practical.

35 (E) Proponents and opponents. This information  
36 shall include the name of each person filing a witness

1           slip with Secretary or Clerk, as applicable, when the  
2           bill, an amendment, or a conference committee report is  
3           heard in a substantive committee. The information  
4           shall include the position taken (proponent, opponent,  
5           or no position) and the entity represented by the  
6           person, if applicable. This information shall be  
7           prepared by the Secretary or Clerk, as applicable, and  
8           provided to LIS in an electronic format as soon as  
9           practical.

10           (5) On or before July 1, 1999, the Rules of the House  
11           and the Senate of the General Assembly.

12           (6) Before the conclusion of the Ninety-second General  
13           Assembly, the text of Public Acts.

14           (7) Before the conclusion of the Ninety-second General  
15           Assembly, the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

16           (8) Before the conclusion of the Ninety-second General  
17           Assembly, the Constitution of the United States and the  
18           Constitution of the State of Illinois.

19           (9) Before the conclusion of the Ninety-second General  
20           Assembly, the text of the Illinois Administrative Code.

21           (10) Before the conclusion of the Ninety-second  
22           General Assembly, the most current issue of the Illinois  
23           Register published on or after the effective date of this  
24           amendatory Act of 1998.

25           (11) Any other information that the Joint Committee on  
26           Legislative Support Services elects to make available.

27           The information shall be made available to the public  
28           through the World Wide Web. The information may also be made  
29           available by any other means of access that would facilitate  
30           public access to the information.

31           Any documentation that describes the electronic digital  
32           formats of the information shall be made available through the  
33           World Wide Web.

34           Personal information concerning a person who accesses this  
35           public information may be maintained only for the purpose of  
36           providing service to the person.

1           No fee or other charge may be imposed by the Legislative  
2 Information System as a condition of accessing the information,  
3 except that a reasonable fee may be charged for any customized  
4 services and shall be deposited into the General Assembly  
5 Computer Equipment Revolving Fund.

6           The electronic public access provided through the World  
7 Wide Web shall be in addition to any other electronic or print  
8 distribution of the information.

9           No action taken under this Section shall be deemed to alter  
10 or relinquish any copyright or other proprietary interest or  
11 entitlement of the State of Illinois relating to any of the  
12 information made available under this Section.

13           The information shall be made available as provided in this  
14 Section in the shortest practicable time after it is publicly  
15 available in any other form; provided that the System may make  
16 information available under this Section only if the  
17 availability in no way reduces the quality and timeliness of  
18 service available to and required under this Act for  
19 legislative users and does not unduly burden the General  
20 Assembly or its support services agencies. Failure to provide  
21 information under this Section does not affect the validity of  
22 any action of the General Assembly. The General Assembly and  
23 the State of Illinois are not liable for the accuracy,  
24 availability, or use of the information provided under this  
25 Section.

26           (Source: P.A. 90-666, eff. 7-30-98.)