

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Forest Preserve Zoological Parks Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 835/2) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6802)

7 Sec. 2. Zoological park; tax.

8 (a) For the purpose of constructing and maintaining and  
9 caring for any such zoological park and the buildings and  
10 grounds thereof and of securing and displaying zoological  
11 collections thereon the corporate authorities of any forest  
12 preserve district containing a population of 150,000 or more  
13 but less than 3,000,000 are authorized to levy annually a tax  
14 of not to exceed .0058% of value as equalized or assessed by  
15 the Department of Revenue, upon all the taxable property in the  
16 district. ~~; provided however, in~~

17 (b) In a forest preserve district located in a county with  
18 a population in excess of 140,000 but less than 200,000 and  
19 contiguous to the Mississippi River, however, the annual tax  
20 may be at a rate not to exceed 0.06% ~~.01%~~.

21 (c) This tax shall be levied and collected in the same  
22 manner as the general taxes of the forest preserve district and  
23 shall be in addition to the maximum of all other taxes and tax

1 rates which the district is now or may hereafter be authorized  
2 to levy upon the aggregate valuation of all taxable property  
3 within the district and shall be exclusive of and in addition  
4 to the maximum amount and rate of taxes the district is now or  
5 may hereafter be authorized to levy for general purposes under  
6 Section 13 of the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act ~~"An~~  
7 ~~Act to provide for the creation and management of forest~~  
8 ~~preserve districts and repealing certain Acts therein named",~~  
9 ~~approved June 27, 1913, as amended,~~ or under any other law  
10 which may limit the amount of tax which the district may levy  
11 for general purposes. The proceeds of the tax herein authorized  
12 shall be kept as a separate fund.

13 (d) A tax in excess of 0.01% may not be levied under  
14 subsection (b) until the question of levying the tax has been  
15 submitted to the electors of the forest preserve district at a  
16 regular election and approved by a majority of the electors  
17 voting on the question. The District must certify the question  
18 to the proper election authority, which must submit the  
19 question at an election in accordance with the Election Code.

20 The election authority must submit the question in  
21 substantially the following form:

22 Shall the corporate authority of the forest preserve  
23 district be authorized to levy a tax at the rate of 0.06%  
24 for the purpose of constructing and maintaining and caring  
25 for any such zoological park and the buildings and grounds  
26 thereof and of securing and displaying zoological

1 collections thereon?

2 The election authority must record the votes as "Yes" or  
3 "No".

4 If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote  
5 in the affirmative, the county may thereafter levy the tax.

6 (Source: P.A. 92-548, eff. 6-24-02.)