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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2306

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2306 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The County Economic Development Project Area  
5 Property Tax Allocation Act is amended by changing Section 4 as  
6 follows:

7 (55 ILCS 85/4) (from Ch. 34, par. 7004)

8 Sec. 4. Establishment of economic development project  
9 area; ordinance; joint review board; notice; hearing; changes  
10 in economic development plan; annual reporting requirements.  
11 Economic development project areas shall be established as  
12 follows:

13 (a) The corporate authorities of Whiteside County may by  
14 ordinance propose the establishment of an economic development  
15 project area and fix a time and place for a public hearing, and  
16 shall submit a certified copy of the ordinance as adopted to

1 the Department.

2 (a-5) After the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
3 the 93rd General Assembly, the corporate authorities of  
4 Stephenson County may by ordinance propose the establishment of  
5 an economic development project area and fix a time and place  
6 for a public hearing, and shall submit a certified copy of the  
7 ordinance as adopted to the Department.

8 (a-10) The corporate authorities of Grundy County may, by  
9 ordinance, propose the establishment of an economic  
10 development project and fix a time and place for a public  
11 hearing. Upon passage of the ordinance, the corporate  
12 authorities of Grundy County shall submit a certified copy of  
13 the ordinance, as adopted, to the Department.

14 (a-15) The corporate authorities of Will County may, by  
15 ordinance, propose the establishment of an economic  
16 development project area which shall include an intermodal  
17 terminal facility, as defined under Section 11-74.4-3.1 of the  
18 Illinois Municipal Code, and fix a time and place for a public  
19 hearing. Upon passage of the ordinance, the corporate  
20 authorities of Will County shall submit a certified copy of the  
21 ordinance, as adopted, to the Department.

22 (b) Any county which adopts an ordinance which fixes a  
23 date, time and place for a public hearing shall convene a joint  
24 review board as hereinafter provided. Not less than 45 days  
25 prior to the date fixed for the public hearing, the county  
26 shall give notice by mailing to the chief executive officer of

1 each affected taxing district having taxable property included  
2 in the proposed economic development project area and, if the  
3 ordinance is adopted by Stephenson County, the chief executive  
4 officer of any municipality within Stephenson County having a  
5 population of more than 20,000 that such chief executive  
6 officer or his designee is invited to participate in a joint  
7 review board. The designee shall serve at the discretion of the  
8 chief executive officer of the taxing district for a term not  
9 to exceed 2 years. Such notice shall advise each chief  
10 executive officer of the date, time and place of the first  
11 meeting of such joint review board, which shall occur not less  
12 than 30 days prior to the date of the public hearing. Such  
13 notice by mail shall be given by depositing such notice in the  
14 United States Postal Service by certified mail.

15 At or prior to the first meeting of such joint review board  
16 the county shall furnish to any member of such joint review  
17 board copies of the proposed economic development plan and any  
18 related documents which such member shall reasonably request. A  
19 majority of the members of such joint review board present at  
20 any meeting shall constitute a quorum. Additional meetings may  
21 be called by any member of a joint review board upon the giving  
22 of notice not less than 72 hours prior to the date of any  
23 additional meeting to all members of the joint review board.  
24 The joint review board shall review such information and  
25 material as its members reasonably deem relevant to the  
26 county's proposals to approve economic development plans and

1 economic development projects and to designate economic  
2 development project areas. The county shall provide such  
3 information and material promptly upon the request of the joint  
4 review board and may also provide administrative support and  
5 facilities as the joint review board may reasonably require.

6 Within 30 days of its first meeting, a joint review board  
7 shall provide the county with a written report of its review of  
8 any proposal to approve an economic development plan and  
9 economic development project and to designate an economic  
10 development project area. Such written report shall include  
11 such information and advisory, nonbinding recommendations as a  
12 majority of the members of the joint review board shall deem  
13 relevant. Written reports of joint review boards may include  
14 information and advisory, nonbinding recommendations provided  
15 by a minority of the members thereof. Any joint review board  
16 which does not provide such written report within such 30-day  
17 period shall be deemed to have recommended that the county  
18 proceed with a proposal to approve an economic development plan  
19 and economic development project and to designate an economic  
20 development project area.

21 (c) Notice of the public hearing shall be given by  
22 publication and mailing.

23 (1) Notice by publication shall be given by publication  
24 at least twice, the first publication to be not more than  
25 30 nor less than 10 days prior to the hearing in a  
26 newspaper of general circulation within the taxing

1 districts having property in the proposed economic  
2 development project area. Notice by mailing shall be given  
3 by depositing such notice together with a copy of the  
4 proposed economic development plan in the United States  
5 Postal Service by certified mail addressed to the person or  
6 persons in whose name the general taxes for the last  
7 preceding year were paid on each lot, block, tract, or  
8 parcel of land lying within the proposed economic  
9 development project area. The notice shall be mailed not  
10 less than 10 days prior to the dates set for the public  
11 hearing. In the event taxes for the last preceding year  
12 were not paid, the notice shall also be sent to the persons  
13 last listed on the tax rolls within the preceding 3 years  
14 as the owners of the property.

15 (2) The notices issued pursuant to this Section shall  
16 include the following:

17 (A) The time and place of public hearing;

18 (B) The boundaries of the proposed economic  
19 development project area by legal description and by  
20 street location where possible;

21 (C) A notification that all interested persons  
22 will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public  
23 hearing;

24 (D) An invitation for any person to submit  
25 alternative proposals or bids for any proposed  
26 conveyance, lease, mortgage or other disposition of

1 land within the proposed economic development project  
2 area;

3 (E) A description of the economic development plan  
4 or economic development project if a plan or project is  
5 a subject matter of the hearing; and

6 (F) Such other matters as the county may deem  
7 appropriate.

8 (3) Not less than 45 days prior to the date set for  
9 hearing, the county shall give notice by mail as provided  
10 in this subsection (c) to all taxing districts of which  
11 taxable property is included in the economic development  
12 project area, and to the Department. In addition to the  
13 other requirements under this subsection (c), the notice  
14 shall include an invitation to the Department and each  
15 taxing district to submit comments to the county concerning  
16 the subject matter of the hearing prior to the date of the  
17 hearing.

18 (d) At the public hearing any interested person, the  
19 Department or any affected taxing district may file written  
20 objections with the county clerk and may be heard orally with  
21 respect to any issues embodied in the notice. The county shall  
22 hear and determine all alternate proposals or bids for any  
23 proposed conveyance, lease, mortgage or other disposition of  
24 land and all protests and objections at the hearing, and the  
25 hearing may be adjourned to another date without further notice  
26 other than a motion to be entered upon the minutes fixing the

1 time and place of the adjourned hearing. Public hearings with  
2 regard to an economic development plan, economic development  
3 project area, or economic development project may be held  
4 simultaneously.

5 (e) At the public hearing, or at any time prior to the  
6 adoption by the county of an ordinance approving an economic  
7 development plan, the county may make changes in the economic  
8 development plan. Changes which (1) alter the exterior  
9 boundaries of the proposed economic development project area,  
10 (2) substantially affect the general land uses established in  
11 the proposed economic development plan, (3) substantially  
12 change the nature of the proposed economic development plan,  
13 (4) change the general description of any proposed developer,  
14 user or tenant of any property to be located or improved within  
15 the economic development project area, or (5) change the  
16 description of the type, class and number of employees to be  
17 employed in the operation of the facilities to be developed or  
18 improved within the economic development project area shall be  
19 made only after review by joint review board, notice and  
20 hearing pursuant to the procedures set forth in this Section.  
21 Changes which do not (1) alter the exterior boundaries of a  
22 proposed economic development project area, (2) substantially  
23 affect the general land uses established in the proposed plan,  
24 (3) substantially change the nature of the proposed economic  
25 development plan, (4) change the general description of any  
26 proposed developer, user or tenant of any property to be

1 located or improved within the economic development project  
2 area, or (5) change the description of the type, class and  
3 number of employees to be employed in the operation of the  
4 facilities to be developed or improved within the economic  
5 development project area may be made without further notice or  
6 hearing, provided that the county shall give notice of its  
7 changes by mail to the Department and to each affected taxing  
8 district and by publication in a newspaper or newspapers of  
9 general circulation with the affected taxing districts. Such  
10 notice by mail and by publication shall each occur not later  
11 than 10 days following the adoption by ordinance of such  
12 changes.

13 (f) At any time within 90 days of the final adjournment of  
14 the public hearing, a county may, by ordinance, approve the  
15 economic development plan, establish the economic development  
16 project area, and authorize property tax allocation financing  
17 for such economic development project area.

18 Any ordinance adopted by Whiteside County which approves  
19 the economic development plan shall contain findings that the  
20 economic development project is reasonably expected to create  
21 or retain not less than 500 full-time equivalent jobs, that  
22 private investment in an amount not less than \$25,000,000 is  
23 reasonably expected to occur in the economic development  
24 project area, that the economic development project will  
25 encourage the increase of commerce and industry within the  
26 State, thereby reducing the evils attendant upon unemployment



1 and increasing opportunities for personal income, and that the  
2 economic development project will increase or maintain the  
3 property, sales and income tax bases of the county and of the  
4 State.

5 Any ordinance adopted by Grundy County that approves the  
6 economic development plan shall contain findings that the  
7 economic development project is reasonably expected to create  
8 or retain not less than 250 full-time equivalent jobs, that  
9 private investment in an amount not less than \$50,000,000 is  
10 reasonably expected to occur in the economic development  
11 project area, that the economic development project will  
12 encourage the increase of commerce and industry within the  
13 State, thereby reducing the evils attendant upon unemployment  
14 and increasing opportunities for personal income, and that the  
15 economic development project will increase or maintain the  
16 property, sales, and income tax bases of the county and of the  
17 State.

18 Any ordinance adopted by Stephenson County that approves an  
19 economic development plan shall contain findings that (i) the  
20 economic development project is reasonably expected to create  
21 or retain not less than 500 full-time equivalent jobs; (ii)  
22 private investment in an amount not less than \$10,000,000 is  
23 reasonably expected to occur in the economic development area;  
24 (iii) the economic development project will encourage the  
25 increase of commerce and industry within the State, thereby  
26 reducing the evils attendant upon unemployment and increasing

1 opportunities for personal income; and (iv) the economic  
2 development project will increase or maintain the property,  
3 sales, and income tax bases of the county and of the State.  
4 Before the economic development project area is established by  
5 Stephenson County, the following additional conditions must be  
6 included in an intergovernmental agreement approved by both the  
7 Stephenson County Board and the corporate authorities of the  
8 City of Freeport: (i) the corporate authorities of the City of  
9 Freeport must concur by resolution with the findings of  
10 Stephenson County; (ii) both the corporate authorities of the  
11 City of Freeport and the Stephenson County Board shall approve  
12 any and all economic or redevelopment agreements and incentives  
13 for any economic development project within the economic  
14 development area; (iii) any economic development project that  
15 receives funds under this Act, except for any economic  
16 development project specifically excluded from annexation in  
17 the provisions of the intergovernmental agreement, shall agree  
18 to and must enter into an annexation agreement with the City of  
19 Freeport to annex property included in the economic development  
20 project area to the City of Freeport at the first point in time  
21 that the property becomes contiguous to the City of Freeport;  
22 (iv) the local share of all State occupation and use taxes  
23 allocable to the City of Freeport and Stephenson County and  
24 derived from commercial projects within the economic  
25 development project area shall be equally shared by and between  
26 the City of Freeport and Stephenson County for the duration of

1 the economic development project; and (v) any development in  
2 the economic development project area shall be built in  
3 accordance with the building and related codes of both the City  
4 of Freeport and Stephenson County and the City of Freeport  
5 shall approve all provisions for water and sewer service.

6 Any ordinance adopted by Will County that approves an  
7 economic development plan shall contain findings that the  
8 economic development project is expected to create or retain  
9 not less than 500 full-time equivalent jobs, that private  
10 investment in an amount not less than \$50,000,000 is reasonably  
11 expected to occur in the economic development project area,  
12 that the economic development project will encourage the  
13 increase of commerce and industry within the State, thereby  
14 reducing the evils attendant upon unemployment and increasing  
15 opportunities for personal income, and that the economic  
16 development project will increase or maintain the property,  
17 sales, and income tax bases of the County and of the State.  
18 Municipal zoning restrictions under Section 11-13-1 of the  
19 Illinois Municipal Code and the requirements of Section 9 of  
20 the Plat Act shall not apply to economic development project  
21 areas defined under this Act and located within unincorporated  
22 Will County.

23 The ordinance shall also state that the economic  
24 development project area shall not include parcels to be used  
25 for purposes of residential development. Any ordinance adopted  
26 which establishes an economic development project area shall

1 contain the boundaries of such area by legal description and,  
2 where possible, by street location. Any ordinance adopted which  
3 authorizes property tax allocation financing shall provide  
4 that the ad valorem taxes, if any, arising from the levies upon  
5 taxable real property in such economic development project area  
6 by taxing districts and tax rates determined in the manner  
7 provided in subsection (b) of Section 6 of this Act each year  
8 after the effective date of the ordinance until economic  
9 development project costs and all county obligations financing  
10 economic development project costs incurred under this Act have  
11 been paid shall be divided as follows:

12 (1) That portion of taxes levied upon each taxable lot,  
13 block, tract or parcel of real property which is  
14 attributable to the lower of the current equalized assessed  
15 value or the initial equalized assessed value of each such  
16 taxable lot, block, tract or parcel of real property in the  
17 economic development project area shall be allocated to,  
18 and when collected, shall be paid by the county collector  
19 to the respective affected taxing districts in the manner  
20 required by law in the absence of the adoption of property  
21 tax allocation financing.

22 (2) That portion, if any, of such taxes which is  
23 attributable to the increase in the current equalized  
24 assessed valuation of each taxable lot, block, tract or  
25 parcel of real property in the economic development project  
26 area over and above the initial equalized assessed value of

1 each property in the economic development project area  
2 shall be allocated to and when collected shall be paid to  
3 the county treasurer who shall deposit those taxes into a  
4 special fund called the special tax allocation fund of the  
5 county for the purpose of paying economic development  
6 project costs and obligations incurred in the payment  
7 thereof.

8 (g) After a county has by ordinance approved an economic  
9 development plan and established an economic development  
10 project area, the plan may be amended and the boundaries of the  
11 area may be altered only as herein provided. Amendments which  
12 (1) alter the exterior boundaries of an economic development  
13 project area, (2) substantially affect the general land uses  
14 established pursuant to the economic development plan, (3)  
15 substantially change the nature of the economic development  
16 plan, (4) change the general description of any proposed  
17 developer, user, or tenant of any property to be located or  
18 improved within the economic development project area, or (5)  
19 change the description of the type, class and number of  
20 employees to be employed in the operation of the facilities to  
21 be developed or improved shall be made only after review by a  
22 joint review board, notice and hearing pursuant to the  
23 procedures set forth in this Section. Amendments which do not  
24 (1) alter the exterior boundaries of an economic development  
25 project area, (2) substantially affect the general land uses  
26 established in the economic development plan, (3)

1 substantially change the nature of the economic development  
2 plan, (4) change the description of any proposed developer,  
3 user, or tenant of any property to be located or improved  
4 within the economic development project area, or (5) change the  
5 description of the type, class and number of employees to be  
6 employed in the operation of the facilities to be developed or  
7 improved within the economic development project area may be  
8 made without further hearing or notice, provided that the  
9 county shall give notice of any amendment by mail to the  
10 Department and to each taxing district and by publication in a  
11 newspaper or newspapers of general circulation within the  
12 affected taxing districts. Such notices by mail and by  
13 publication shall each occur not later than 10 days following  
14 the adoption by ordinance of such amendments.

15 (h) After the adoption of an ordinance adopting property  
16 tax allocation financing for an economic development project  
17 area, the county shall annually report to each taxing district  
18 having taxable property within such economic development  
19 project area (i) any increase or decrease in the equalized  
20 assessed value of the real property located within such  
21 economic development project area above or below the initial  
22 equalized assessed value of such real property, (ii) that  
23 portion, if any, of the ad valorem taxes arising from the  
24 levies upon taxable real property in such economic development  
25 project area by the taxing districts which is attributable to  
26 the increase in the current equalized assessed valuation of

1 each lot, block, tract or parcel of real property in the  
2 economic development project area over and above the initial  
3 equalized value of each property and which has been allocated  
4 to the county in the current year, and (iii) such other  
5 information as the county may deem relevant.

6 (i) The county shall give notice by mail as provided in  
7 this Section and shall reconvene the joint review board not  
8 less than annually for each of the 2 years following its  
9 adoption of an ordinance adopting property tax allocation  
10 financing for an economic development project area and not less  
11 than once in each 3-year period thereafter. The county shall  
12 provide such information, and may provide administrative  
13 support and facilities as the joint review board may reasonably  
14 require for each of such meetings.

15 (Source: P.A. 93-959, eff. 8-20-04; 94-259, eff. 1-1-06.)

16 Section 10. The Plat Act is amended by changing Section 9  
17 as follows:

18 (765 ILCS 205/9) (from Ch. 109, par. 9)

19 Sec. 9. Whenever any highway, road, street, alley, public  
20 ground, toll-road, railroad, reservoir or canal is laid out,  
21 located, opened, widened or extended, or its location altered,  
22 it is the duty of the commissioners, authorities, officers,  
23 persons or corporations, public or private, laying out,  
24 locating, opening, widening, extending or altering the same, to

1 make a plat, showing its width, courses and extent, and making  
2 reference to known and established corners or monuments. When  
3 the location of a subdivision, lots or parcel within a  
4 subdivision, tract, highway, road, street, alley, public  
5 ground, toll-road, railroad, reservoir or canal is known either  
6 by established corners or adequate, existing records, the  
7 monument or monuments shall be located and referenced either by  
8 or under the direction of a Registered Land Surveyor at the  
9 time such highway, road, street, alley, public ground,  
10 toll-road, railroad, reservoir or canal is laid out, located,  
11 widened or extended, or its location altered. Suitable  
12 permanent monuments shall be reset in the surface of new  
13 construction or permanent witness monuments set to perpetuate  
14 their location and certified as correct by a Registered Land  
15 Surveyor. The plat shall be recorded in the office of the  
16 recorder of the county in which the premises are taken or used,  
17 or any part thereof, are situated, or in case of land the title  
18 to which is registered under "An Act concerning land titles",  
19 approved May 1, 1897, as amended, to be filed in the office of  
20 the registrar of titles for the county, within 6 months after  
21 such highway, road, street, alley, public ground, toll-road,  
22 railroad, reservoir or canal is laid out, located, opened,  
23 widened, or extended, or the location thereof altered and when  
24 any highway, road, street, alley, public ground, toll-road,  
25 railroad, reservoir or canal is vacated, the order, ordinance  
26 or other declaration of vacation must be in like manner



1 recorded or filed. The recorder or registrar of titles shall  
2 not record or register a plat offered for recording or  
3 registration after October 1, 1977, unless such plat is at  
4 least 8 1/2 inches by 14 inches but not more than 30 inches by  
5 36 inches. Sufficient controlling monuments shall be retained  
6 or replaced in their original positions or reference monuments  
7 established from original controlling monuments, so as to  
8 enable land lines, property corners or tract boundaries to be  
9 re-established without surveys based on monuments differing  
10 from the ones which currently control the area. Every land  
11 surveyor is under a duty to cooperate in matters of maps, field  
12 notes and other pertinent records. This Act shall not be  
13 construed to alter or affect any law specifically providing for  
14 the recording or filing of any plat, or to require the same to  
15 be recorded or filed sooner than is so specifically provided;  
16 except that any requirements to record or file such plat in any  
17 other place than is provided herein do not excuse the parties  
18 from complying with this Act. Any party who refuses or neglects  
19 to comply with this Section shall be guilty of a petty offense  
20 for every month he continues in such refusal or neglect after  
21 conviction, to be recovered by an action in the circuit court  
22 of the county, in the name of the county, 1/2 to the use of the  
23 county and the other 1/2 to the use of the person complaining.

24 The provisions of this Section shall not apply to a  
25 railroad subject to the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce  
26 Commission or any abandonment of all or a portion of such

1 railroad, except that the provisions of this Section shall  
2 apply to the construction of a new line of railroad. The  
3 provisions of this Section shall not apply within an economic  
4 development project area established under Section 4 of the  
5 County Economic Development Project Area Property Tax  
6 Allocation Act and located within Will County.

7 (Source: P.A. 88-81.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
9 becoming law.".