

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 Regional Transportation Authority Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 3B.09b as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.09b new)

7 Sec. 3B.09b. Payment of fares by credit card.

8 (a) On and after the effective date of this amendatory Act  
9 of the 96th General Assembly, the Commuter Rail Board shall  
10 allow passengers to purchase fares by credit card (i) through  
11 an Internet website operated by the Board and (ii) at 25% or  
12 more of its stations, including the LaSalle Street Station,  
13 Union Station, Ogilvie Transportation Center, and Millenium  
14 Station.

15 (b) Within one year after the effective date of this  
16 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, the Commuter Rail  
17 Board shall allow passengers to purchase fares by credit card  
18 at 50% or more of its stations.

19 (c) Within 2 years after the effective date of this  
20 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, the Commuter Rail  
21 Board shall allow passengers to purchase fares by credit card  
22 at 75% or more of its stations.

23 (d) The Board may not require a passenger who chooses to

1 purchase a fare by credit card to pay an additional fee, an  
2 additional charge, or a higher fare than is charged to  
3 passengers who pay by some other means.

4 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 8.33 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 805/8.33 new)

7 Sec. 8.33. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8  
8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the  
9 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of  
10 the 96th General Assembly.