

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

# State of Illinois

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#### SB3172

Introduced 2/9/2010, by Sen. Terry Link

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 200/2-45

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that State-certified general real estate appraisers are eligible to serve as township or multi-township assessors. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing
Section 2-45 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 200/2-45)

Sec. 2-45. Selection and eligibility of township and
multi-township assessors.

9 (a) In all counties under township organization, township 10 or multi-township assessors shall be qualified as required by 11 subsections (b) through (d) of this Section and shall be 12 elected as provided in this Code. Township or multi-township 13 assessors shall enter upon their duties on January 1 following 14 their election, and perform the duties of the office for 4 15 years.

16 Beginning December 1, 1996, in any township or (b) multi-township assessment district not 17 subject to the requirements of subsections (c) or (d) of this Section, no 18 19 person is eligible to file nomination papers or participate as 20 a candidate in any caucus or primary or general election for, 21 or be appointed to fill vacancies in, the office of township or 22 multi-township assessor, unless he or she (i) has successfully completed an introductory course in assessment practices that 23

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1 is approved by the Department; or (ii) possesses at least one 2 of the qualifications listed in paragraphs (1) through (7) (6) of subsection (c) of this Section. The candidate cannot file 3 nominating papers or participate as a candidate unless a copy 4 5 of the certificate of his or her qualifications is filed with the township clerk, board of election commissioners, or other 6 appropriate authority as required by the Election Code. The 7 8 candidate cannot be appointed to fill a vacancy until he or she 9 filed a copy of the certificate of his has or her 10 qualifications with the appointing authority.

11 (C) Beginning December 1, 1996, in a township or 12 multi-township assessment district with \$25,000,000 or more of non-farm equalized assessed value or \$1,000,000 or more in 13 14 commercial and industrial equalized assessed value, no person 15 is eligible to file nomination papers or participate as a 16 candidate in any caucus or primary or general election for, or 17 be appointed to fill vacancies in, the office of township or multi-township assessor, unless he or she possesses at least 18 19 one of the qualifications listed in paragraphs (1) through (7) 20 (6) of this subsection (c).

(1) a Certified Illinois Assessing Officer certificate from the Illinois Property Assessment Institute with current additional 30 class hours as required for additional compensation under Section 4-10;

(2) (A) A Certified Illinois Assessing Officer
 certificate from the Illinois Property Assessment

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Institute with a minimum of 300 additional hours of successfully completed courses approved by the Department, if at least 150 of the course hours required a written examination; and

5 (B) within the 4 years preceding the election, 6 successful completion of at least 15 class hours of 7 additional training in courses that must be approved by the 8 Department, including but not limited to, assessment, 9 appraisal, or computer courses, and that may be offered by 10 accredited universities, colleges, or community colleges;

(3) a Certified Assessment Evaluator designation from
 the International Association of Assessing Officers;

13 (4) certification as a Member of the Appraisal
14 Institute, Senior Real Estate Analyst, or Senior Real
15 Property Appraiser from the Appraisal Institute or its
16 predecessor organization;

(5) a professional designation by any other appraisal or assessing association approved by the Department; <del>or</del>

19 (6) if the person has served as a township or multi-township assessor for 12 years or more, a Certified 20 Illinois Assessing Official certificate from the Illinois 21 22 Property Assessment Institute with a minimum of 360 23 successfully completed additional hours of courses 24 approved by the Department, if at least 180 of the course 25 hours required a written examination; or -

26 <u>(7) if the person is a State-certified general real</u>

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# estate appraiser, as defined in the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Act of 2002.

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The candidate cannot file nominating papers or participate 3 as a candidate unless a copy of the certificate of his or her 4 5 qualifications is filed with the township clerk, board of 6 election commissioners, or other appropriate authority as 7 required by the Election Code. The candidate cannot be appointed to fill a vacancy until he or she has filed a copy of 8 9 the certificate of his or her qualifications with the 10 appointing authority.

11 (d) Beginning December 1, 2000, in a township or 12 multi-township assessment district with more than \$10,000,000 13 and less than \$25,000,000 of non-farm equalized assessed value and less than \$1,000,000 in commercial and industrial equalized 14 15 assessed value, no person who has previously been elected as 16 township or multi-township assessor in any such township or 17 multi-township assessment district is eligible to file nomination papers or participate as a candidate in any caucus 18 or primary or general election for the office of township or 19 multi-township assessor, unless he or she possesses at least 20 one of the qualifications listed in paragraphs (1) through (6) 21 22 of subsection (c) of this Section. The candidate cannot file 23 nominating papers or participate as a candidate unless a copy of the certificate of his or her qualifications is filed with 24 25 the township clerk, board of election commissioners, or other 26 appropriate authority as required by the Election Code.

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(e) If any person files nominating papers for candidacy for the office of township or multi-township assessor without also filing a copy of the certificate as required by this Section, the clerk of the township, the board of election commissioners, or other appropriate authority as required by the Election Code shall refuse to certify the name of the person as a candidate to the proper election officials.

8 If no candidate for election meets the above qualifications 9 there shall be no election and the town board of trustees or 10 multi-township board of trustees shall appoint or contract with 11 a person under Section 2-60.

As used in this Section only, "non-farm equalized assessed value" means the total equalized assessed value in the township or multi-township assessment district as reported to the Department under Section 18-225 after removal of homestead exemptions, and after removal of the equalized assessed value reported as farm or minerals to the Department under Section 18 18-225.

For purposes of this Section only, "file nomination papers" also includes having nomination papers filed on behalf of the candidate by another person.

22 (Source: P.A. 93-188, eff. 7-11-03.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 24 becoming law.

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