

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 Counties Code is amended by adding Section  
5 5-1035.3 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-1035.3 new)

7 Sec. 5-1035.3. Tax increase opt out.

8 (a) A county, by ordinance or resolution adopted by the  
9 county board or by referendum, may opt out of any tax increase  
10 imposed pursuant to Section 4.03 of the Regional Transportation  
11 Authority Act, as amended by Public Act 95-708, and to be used  
12 by the county as provided in Section 4.03.3 of that Act. If a  
13 county opts out of a tax increase, then the tax increase shall  
14 no longer be imposed or collected in the county and the county  
15 shall no longer receive distributions or any other benefits  
16 derived from the imposition of the tax increase.

17 (b) The county board, by resolution, may provide for the  
18 submission to the electors the question of whether the county  
19 shall opt out of a tax increase. The board shall certify the  
20 resolution and proposition to the proper election officials,  
21 who shall submit the question to the electors at the  
22 consolidated or general election next occurring and in  
23 accordance with the general election law. The proposition shall

1 be in substantially the following form:

2 Shall the County of (insert name of county) opt out of  
3 (insert description of tax increase)?

4 The votes shall be recorded as "Yes" or "No".

5 If a majority of the electors voting on the proposition  
6 vote in favor of it, then the county has opted out of the tax  
7 increase.

8 (c) A county may not opt out of any tax increase under this  
9 Section if the proceeds are pledged to make principal or  
10 interest payments on bonds or other long-term debt.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
12 becoming law.