

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 Illinois Highway Code is amended by adding
5 Section 6-111.5 as follows:

6 (605 ILCS 5/6-111.5 new)

7 Sec. 6-111.5. Elimination of county unit road districts. A
8 county unit road district may be eliminated by referendum. The
9 process, petition, and referendum requirements shall be
10 identical to those requirements used to form a county unit road
11 district under Section 6-111 of this Code, except that the
12 referendum question shall be "Shall the county unit road
13 district in County, Illinois be eliminated and road
14 districts be created in its place?".

15 (a) If a majority of voters at any general election votes
16 to eliminate a county unit road district, the county board of
17 the county shall determine what road districts to adopt in
18 place of the eliminated county unit road district. The county
19 board shall form a committee of no more than 9 persons to study
20 and recommend to the board what type of road districts and what
21 geographic boundaries should be put into place. The committee
22 should consider mileage of roads, tax base, population, and
23 natural and manmade geographic limitations in recommending the

1 geographic boundaries. The corporate limits of any
2 municipality within the county may be its own geographic unit
3 for the proposed new road districts. The committee shall also
4 recommend the distribution of county unit road district assets
5 and resources.

6 (b) The committee may prepare more than one proposal, but
7 not more than 3 proposals, to present to the board for a final
8 decision. The committee shall be formed, a budget set, and a
9 chairperson determined by the board within 60 days of the
10 election to eliminate the county unit road district. The
11 committee shall present the proposal or proposals to the board
12 within 150 days of the election.

13 (c) The board shall hold public hearings as it determines
14 is necessary for public review and comment on the proposal or
15 proposals of the committee within 60 days of receiving the
16 proposal or proposals from the committee. Within 30 days after
17 the public hearing or hearings, the board may return the
18 proposal or any number of the proposals to the committee for a
19 review and consideration of amendments based upon the comments
20 from the public hearing or hearings. If the board returns the
21 proposal to the committee for review and possible amendment,
22 the committee has 30 days to complete its review, make any
23 amendments, and return the final proposal or proposals to the
24 board.

25 (d) No more than 30 days from the date of the last public
26 hearing, or from the receipt of the final proposal or proposals

1 from the committee if the board sent the proposal or proposals
2 back to the committee for review and consideration of
3 amendment, the board shall make a final determination as to
4 what form of road districts shall replace the county unit road
5 district.

6 (e) The board shall determine and oversee all steps
7 required to divide the resources and assets of the road
8 districts that replaces the county unit road district. The
9 county unit road district shall be eliminated and the new road
10 districts shall be created simultaneously on a date set by the
11 board, no later than 365 days from the date of the election to
12 eliminate the county unit road district. The board shall
13 designate the title of and appoint the head or heads of the
14 various divisions of the new road districts. The positions
15 shall be voted on at the next general election after the
16 election to eliminate the county unit road district and every 4
17 years thereafter. If the board adopts a road district system
18 where municipalities are a geographic boundary, the
19 commissioner in charge of the roads within a municipality shall
20 automatically be the supervisor based upon the election process
21 and terms for each municipality.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
23 2011.