

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 Park District Aquarium and Museum Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 1290/1) (from Ch. 105, par. 326)

7 Sec. 1. Erect, operate, and maintain aquariums and museums.

8 The corporate authorities of cities and park districts having  
9 the control or supervision of any public park or parks, are  
10 hereby authorized to purchase, erect and maintain within any  
11 public park or parks under the control or supervision of such  
12 corporate authorities, edifices to be used as aquariums or as  
13 museums of art, industry, science or natural or other history,  
14 or to permit the directors or trustees of any corporation or  
15 society organized for the construction or maintenance and  
16 operation of an aquarium or museum as hereinabove described to  
17 erect, enlarge, ornament, build, rebuild, rehabilitate,  
18 improve, maintain and operate its aquarium or museum or museums  
19 within any public park now or hereafter under the control or  
20 supervision of any city or park district, and to contract with  
21 any such directors or trustees of any such aquarium, museum or  
22 museums relative to the erection, enlargement, ornamentation,  
23 building, rebuilding, rehabilitation, improvement, maintenance

1 and operation thereof. Any city or park district may charge, or  
2 permit such an aquarium or museum to charge, an admission fee.  
3 Any such aquarium or museum, however, shall be open without  
4 charge, when accompanied by a teacher, to the children in  
5 actual attendance upon grades kindergarten through twelve in  
6 any of the schools in this State at all times. Any such  
7 aquarium or museum, however, must be open to persons who reside  
8 in this State ~~the public~~ without charge for a period equivalent  
9 to 52 days, at least 6 of which must be during the period from  
10 June through August, each year. Notwithstanding said  
11 provisions, charges may be made at any time for special  
12 services and for admission to special facilities within any  
13 aquarium or museum for the education, entertainment or  
14 convenience of visitors. The proceeds of such admission fees  
15 and charges for special services and special facilities shall  
16 be devoted exclusively to the purposes for which the tax  
17 authorized by Section 2 hereof may be used. If any owner or  
18 owners of any lands or lots abutting or fronting on any such  
19 public park, or adjacent thereto, have any private right,  
20 easement, interest or property in such public park appurtenant  
21 to their lands or lots or otherwise, which would be interfered  
22 with by the erection and maintenance of any aquarium or museum  
23 as hereinbefore provided, or any right to have such public park  
24 remain open or vacant and free from buildings, the corporate  
25 authorities of the city or park district having control of such  
26 park, may condemn the same in the manner prescribed for the

1 exercise of the right of eminent domain under the Eminent  
2 Domain Act.

3 (Source: P.A. 94-1055, eff. 1-1-07.)

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
5 becoming law.