

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 Local Government Debt Reform Act is amended  
5 by changing Section 15 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 350/15) (from Ch. 17, par. 6915)

7 Sec. 15. Double-barrelled bonds. Whenever revenue bonds  
8 have been authorized to be issued pursuant to applicable law or  
9 whenever there exists for a governmental unit a revenue source,  
10 the procedures set forth in this Section may be used by a  
11 governing body. General obligation bonds may be issued in lieu  
12 of such revenue bonds as authorized, and general obligation  
13 bonds may be issued payable from any revenue source. Such  
14 general obligation bonds may be referred to as "alternate  
15 bonds". Alternate bonds may be issued without any referendum or  
16 backdoor referendum except as provided in this Section, upon  
17 the terms provided in Section 10 of this Act without reference  
18 to other provisions of law, but only upon the conditions  
19 provided in this Section. Alternate bonds shall not be regarded  
20 as or included in any computation of indebtedness for the  
21 purpose of any statutory provision or limitation except as  
22 expressly provided in this Section.

23 Such conditions are:

1           (a) Alternate bonds shall be issued for a lawful corporate  
2 purpose. If issued in lieu of revenue bonds, alternate bonds  
3 shall be issued for the purposes for which such revenue bonds  
4 shall have been authorized. If issued payable from a revenue  
5 source in the manner hereinafter provided, which revenue source  
6 is limited in its purposes or applications, then the alternate  
7 bonds shall be issued only for such limited purposes or  
8 applications. Alternate bonds may be issued payable from either  
9 enterprise revenues or revenue sources, or both.

10          (b) Alternate bonds shall be subject to backdoor  
11 referendum. The provisions of Section 5 of this Act shall apply  
12 to such backdoor referendum, together with the provisions  
13 hereof. The authorizing ordinance shall be published in a  
14 newspaper of general circulation in the governmental unit.  
15 Along with or as part of the authorizing ordinance, there shall  
16 be published a notice of (1) the specific number of voters  
17 required to sign a petition requesting that the issuance of the  
18 alternate bonds be submitted to referendum, (2) the time when  
19 such petition must be filed, (3) the date of the prospective  
20 referendum, and (4), with respect to authorizing ordinances  
21 adopted on or after January 1, 1991, a statement that  
22 identifies any revenue source that will be used to pay debt  
23 service on the alternate bonds. The clerk or secretary of the  
24 governmental unit shall make a petition form available to  
25 anyone requesting one. If no petition is filed with the clerk  
26 or secretary within 30 days of publication of the authorizing

1 ordinance and notice, the alternate bonds shall be authorized  
2 to be issued. But if within this 30 days period, a petition is  
3 filed with such clerk or secretary signed by electors numbering  
4 the greater of (i) 7.5% of the registered voters in the  
5 governmental unit or (ii) 200 of those registered voters or 15%  
6 of those registered voters, whichever is less, asking that the  
7 issuance of such alternate bonds be submitted to referendum,  
8 the clerk or secretary shall certify such question for  
9 submission at an election held in accordance with the general  
10 election law. The question on the ballot shall include a  
11 statement of any revenue source that will be used to pay debt  
12 service on the alternate bonds. The alternate bonds shall be  
13 authorized to be issued if a majority of the votes cast on the  
14 question at such election are in favor thereof provided that  
15 notice of the bond referendum, if held before July 1, 1999, has  
16 been given in accordance with the provisions of Section 12-5 of  
17 the Election Code in effect at the time of the bond referendum,  
18 at least 10 and not more than 45 days before the date of the  
19 election, notwithstanding the time for publication otherwise  
20 imposed by Section 12-5. Notices required in connection with  
21 the submission of public questions on or after July 1, 1999  
22 shall be as set forth in Section 12-5 of the Election Code.  
23 Backdoor referendum proceedings for bonds and alternate bonds  
24 to be issued in lieu of such bonds may be conducted at the same  
25 time.

26 (c) To the extent payable from enterprise revenues, such

1 revenues shall have been determined by the governing body to be  
2 sufficient to provide for or pay in each year to final maturity  
3 of such alternate bonds all of the following: (1) costs of  
4 operation and maintenance of the utility or enterprise, but not  
5 including depreciation, (2) debt service on all outstanding  
6 revenue bonds payable from such enterprise revenues, (3) all  
7 amounts required to meet any fund or account requirements with  
8 respect to such outstanding revenue bonds, (4) other  
9 contractual or tort liability obligations, if any, payable from  
10 such enterprise revenues, and (5) in each year, an amount not  
11 less than 1.25 times debt service of all (i) alternate bonds  
12 payable from such enterprise revenues previously issued and  
13 outstanding and (ii) alternate bonds proposed to be issued. To  
14 the extent payable from one or more revenue sources, such  
15 sources shall have been determined by the governing body to  
16 provide in each year, an amount not less than 1.25 times debt  
17 service of all alternate bonds payable from such revenue  
18 sources previously issued and outstanding and alternate bonds  
19 proposed to be issued. The 1.25 figure in the preceding  
20 sentence shall be reduced to 1.10 if the revenue source is a  
21 governmental revenue source. The conditions enumerated in this  
22 subsection (c) need not be met for that amount of debt service  
23 provided for by the setting aside of proceeds of bonds or other  
24 moneys at the time of the delivery of such bonds.  
25 ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, a backdoor~~  
26 ~~referendum is not required if the proceeds backing the debt are~~

1 ~~realized from revenues obtained from the County School Facility~~  
2 ~~Occupation Tax Law under Section 5-1006.7 of the Counties Code.~~

3 (c-1) In the case of alternate bonds issued as variable  
4 rate bonds (including refunding bonds), debt service shall be  
5 projected based on the rate for the most recent date shown in  
6 the 20 G.O. Bond Index of average municipal bond yields as  
7 published in the most recent edition of The Bond Buyer  
8 published in New York, New York (or any successor publication  
9 or index, or if such publication or index is no longer  
10 published, then any index of long-term municipal tax-exempt  
11 bond yields selected by the governmental unit), as of the date  
12 of determination referred to in subsection (c) of this Section.  
13 Any interest or fees that may be payable to the provider of a  
14 letter of credit, line of credit, surety bond, bond insurance,  
15 or other credit enhancement relating to such alternate bonds  
16 and any fees that may be payable to any remarketing agent need  
17 not be taken into account for purposes of such projection. If  
18 the governmental unit enters into an agreement in connection  
19 with such alternate bonds at the time of issuance thereof  
20 pursuant to which the governmental unit agrees for a specified  
21 period of time to pay an amount calculated at an agreed-upon  
22 rate or index based on a notional amount and the other party  
23 agrees to pay the governmental unit an amount calculated at an  
24 agreed-upon rate or index based on such notional amount,  
25 interest shall be projected for such specified period of time  
26 on the basis of the agreed-upon rate payable by the

1 governmental unit.

2 (d) The determination of the sufficiency of enterprise  
3 revenues or a revenue source, as applicable, shall be supported  
4 by reference to the most recent audit of the governmental unit,  
5 which shall be for a fiscal year ending not earlier than 18  
6 months previous to the time of issuance of the alternate bonds.  
7 If such audit does not adequately show such enterprise revenues  
8 or revenue source, as applicable, or if such enterprise  
9 revenues or revenue source, as applicable, are shown to be  
10 insufficient, then the determination of sufficiency shall be  
11 supported by the report of an independent accountant or  
12 feasibility analyst, the latter having a national reputation  
13 for expertise in such matters, demonstrating the sufficiency of  
14 such revenues and explaining, if appropriate, by what means the  
15 revenues will be greater than as shown in the audit. Whenever  
16 such sufficiency is demonstrated by reference to a schedule of  
17 higher rates or charges for enterprise revenues or a higher tax  
18 imposition for a revenue source, such higher rates, charges or  
19 taxes shall have been properly imposed by an ordinance adopted  
20 prior to the time of delivery of alternate bonds. The reference  
21 to and acceptance of an audit or report, as the case may be,  
22 and the determination of the governing body as to sufficiency  
23 of enterprise revenues or a revenue source shall be conclusive  
24 evidence that the conditions of this Section have been met and  
25 that the alternate bonds are valid.

26 (e) The enterprise revenues or revenue source, as

1 applicable, shall be in fact pledged to the payment of the  
2 alternate bonds; and the governing body shall covenant, to the  
3 extent it is empowered to do so, to provide for, collect and  
4 apply such enterprise revenues or revenue source, as  
5 applicable, to the payment of the alternate bonds and the  
6 provision of not less than an additional .25 (or .10 for  
7 governmental revenue sources) times debt service. The pledge  
8 and establishment of rates or charges for enterprise revenues,  
9 or the imposition of taxes in a given rate or amount, as  
10 provided in this Section for alternate bonds, shall constitute  
11 a continuing obligation of the governmental unit with respect  
12 to such establishment or imposition and a continuing  
13 appropriation of the amounts received. All covenants relating  
14 to alternate bonds and the conditions and obligations imposed  
15 by this Section are enforceable by any bondholder of alternate  
16 bonds affected, any taxpayer of the governmental unit, and the  
17 People of the State of Illinois acting through the Attorney  
18 General or any designee, and in the event that any such action  
19 results in an order finding that the governmental unit has not  
20 properly set rates or charges or imposed taxes to the extent it  
21 is empowered to do so or collected and applied enterprise  
22 revenues or any revenue source, as applicable, as required by  
23 this Act, the plaintiff in any such action shall be awarded  
24 reasonable attorney's fees. The intent is that such enterprise  
25 revenues or revenue source, as applicable, shall be sufficient  
26 and shall be applied to the payment of debt service on such

1 alternate bonds so that taxes need not be levied, or if levied  
2 need not be extended, for such payment. Nothing in this Section  
3 shall inhibit or restrict the authority of a governing body to  
4 determine the lien priority of any bonds, including alternate  
5 bonds, which may be issued with respect to any enterprise  
6 revenues or revenue source.

7 In the event that alternate bonds shall have been issued  
8 and taxes, other than a designated revenue source, shall have  
9 been extended pursuant to the general obligation, full faith  
10 and credit promise supporting such alternate bonds, then the  
11 amount of such alternate bonds then outstanding shall be  
12 included in the computation of indebtedness of the governmental  
13 unit for purposes of all statutory provisions or limitations  
14 until such time as an audit of the governmental unit shall show  
15 that the alternate bonds have been paid from the enterprise  
16 revenues or revenue source, as applicable, pledged thereto for  
17 a complete fiscal year.

18 Alternate bonds may be issued to refund or advance refund  
19 alternate bonds without meeting any of the conditions set forth  
20 in this Section, except that the term of the refunding bonds  
21 shall not be longer than the term of the refunded bonds and  
22 that the debt service payable in any year on the refunding  
23 bonds shall not exceed the debt service payable in such year on  
24 the refunded bonds.

25 Once issued, alternate bonds shall be and forever remain  
26 until paid or defeased the general obligation of the



1 governmental unit, for the payment of which its full faith and  
2 credit are pledged, and shall be payable from the levy of taxes  
3 as is provided in this Act for general obligation bonds.

4 The changes made by this amendatory Act of 1990 do not  
5 affect the validity of bonds authorized before September 1,  
6 1990.

7 (Source: P.A. 95-675, eff. 10-11-07.)

8 Section 10. The Counties Code is amended by changing  
9 Section 5-1006.7 as follows:

10 (55 ILCS 5/5-1006.7)

11 Sec. 5-1006.7. School facility occupation taxes.

12 (a) In ~~The county board of~~ any county, ~~may impose~~ a tax  
13 shall be imposed upon all persons engaged in the business of  
14 selling tangible personal property, other than personal  
15 property titled or registered with an agency of this State's  
16 government, at retail in the county on the gross receipts from  
17 the sales made in the course of business to provide revenue to  
18 be used exclusively for school facility purposes if a  
19 proposition for the tax has been submitted to the electors of  
20 that county and approved by a majority of those voting on the  
21 question as provided in subsection (c). The tax under this  
22 Section shall ~~may~~ be imposed only in one-quarter percent  
23 increments and may not exceed 1%.

24 This additional tax may not be imposed on the sale of food

1 for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises  
2 where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, soft drinks,  
3 and food that has been prepared for immediate consumption) and  
4 prescription and non-prescription medicines, drugs, medical  
5 appliances and insulin, urine testing materials, syringes and  
6 needles used by diabetics. The Department of Revenue has full  
7 power to administer and enforce this subsection, to collect all  
8 taxes and penalties due under this subsection, to dispose of  
9 taxes and penalties so collected in the manner provided in this  
10 subsection, and to determine all rights to credit memoranda  
11 arising on account of the erroneous payment of a tax or penalty  
12 under this subsection. The Department shall deposit all taxes  
13 and penalties collected under this subsection into a special  
14 fund created for that purpose.

15 In the administration of and compliance with this  
16 subsection, the Department and persons who are subject to this  
17 subsection (i) have the same rights, remedies, privileges,  
18 immunities, powers, and duties, (ii) are subject to the same  
19 conditions, restrictions, limitations, penalties, and  
20 definitions of terms, and (iii) shall employ the same modes of  
21 procedure as are set forth in Sections 1 through 1o, 2 through  
22 2-70 (in respect to all provisions contained in those Sections  
23 other than the State rate of tax), 2a through 2h, 3 (except as  
24 to the disposition of taxes and penalties collected), 4, 5, 5a,  
25 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e, 5f, 5g, 5h, 5i, 5j, 5k, 5l, 6, 6a, 6b, 6c, 7, 8,  
26 9, 10, 11, 11a, 12, and 13 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act

1 and all provisions of the Uniform Penalty and Interest Act as  
2 if those provisions were set forth in this subsection.

3 The certificate of registration that is issued by the  
4 Department to a retailer under the Retailers' Occupation Tax  
5 Act permits the retailer to engage in a business that is  
6 taxable without registering separately with the Department  
7 under an ordinance or resolution under this subsection.

8 Persons subject to any tax imposed under the authority  
9 granted in this subsection may reimburse themselves for their  
10 seller's tax liability by separately stating that tax as an  
11 additional charge, which may be stated in combination, in a  
12 single amount, with State tax that sellers are required to  
13 collect under the Use Tax Act, pursuant to any bracketed  
14 schedules set forth by the Department.

15 (b) If a tax has been imposed under subsection (a), then a  
16 service occupation tax must also be imposed at the same rate  
17 upon all persons engaged, in the county, in the business of  
18 making sales of service, who, as an incident to making those  
19 sales of service, transfer tangible personal property within  
20 the county as an incident to a sale of service.

21 This tax may not be imposed on sales of food for human  
22 consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is  
23 sold (other than alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, and food  
24 prepared for immediate consumption) and prescription and  
25 non-prescription medicines, drugs, medical appliances and  
26 insulin, urine testing materials, syringes, and needles used by

1       diabetics.

2           The tax imposed under this subsection and all civil  
3 penalties that may be assessed as an incident thereof shall be  
4 collected and enforced by the Department and deposited into a  
5 special fund created for that purpose. The Department has full  
6 power to administer and enforce this subsection, to collect all  
7 taxes and penalties due under this subsection, to dispose of  
8 taxes and penalties so collected in the manner provided in this  
9 subsection, and to determine all rights to credit memoranda  
10 arising on account of the erroneous payment of a tax or penalty  
11 under this subsection.

12           In the administration of and compliance with this  
13 subsection, the Department and persons who are subject to this  
14 subsection shall (i) have the same rights, remedies,  
15 privileges, immunities, powers and duties, (ii) be subject to  
16 the same conditions, restrictions, limitations, penalties and  
17 definition of terms, and (iii) employ the same modes of  
18 procedure as are set forth in Sections 2 (except that that  
19 reference to State in the definition of supplier maintaining a  
20 place of business in this State means the county), 2a through  
21 2d, 3 through 3-50 (in respect to all provisions contained in  
22 those Sections other than the State rate of tax), 4 (except  
23 that the reference to the State shall be to the county), 5, 7,  
24 8 (except that the jurisdiction to which the tax is a debt to  
25 the extent indicated in that Section 8 is the county), 9  
26 (except as to the disposition of taxes and penalties

1 collected), 10, 11, 12 (except the reference therein to Section  
2 2b of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act), 13 (except that any  
3 reference to the State means the county), Section 15, 16, 17,  
4 18, 19, and 20 of the Service Occupation Tax Act and all  
5 provisions of the Uniform Penalty and Interest Act, as fully as  
6 if those provisions were set forth herein.

7 Persons subject to any tax imposed under the authority  
8 granted in this subsection may reimburse themselves for their  
9 serviceman's tax liability by separately stating the tax as an  
10 additional charge, which may be stated in combination, in a  
11 single amount, with State tax that servicemen are authorized to  
12 collect under the Service Use Tax Act, pursuant to any  
13 bracketed schedules set forth by the Department.

14 (c) The tax under this Section may not be imposed until, ~~by~~  
15 ~~ordinance or resolution of the county board,~~ the question of  
16 imposing the tax has been submitted to the electors of the  
17 county at a regular election and approved by a majority of the  
18 electors voting on the question. For all regular elections held  
19 prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th  
20 General Assembly, upon ~~Upon~~ a resolution by the county board or  
21 a resolution by school district boards that represent at least  
22 51% of the student enrollment within the county, the county  
23 board must certify the question to the proper election  
24 authority in accordance with the Election Code.

25 For all regular elections held prior to the effective date  
26 of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, the ~~The~~

1 election authority must submit the question in substantially  
2 the following form:

3           Shall (name of county) be authorized to impose a  
4           retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax  
5           (commonly referred to as a "sales tax") at a rate of  
6           (insert rate) to be used exclusively for school facility  
7           purposes?

8 The election authority must record the votes as "Yes" or "No".

9           If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote  
10          in the affirmative, then the county may, thereafter, impose the  
11          tax.

12          For all regular elections held on or after the effective  
13          date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, the  
14          regional superintendent of schools for the county must, upon  
15          receipt of a resolution or resolutions of school district  
16          boards that represent more than 50% of the student enrollment  
17          within the county, certify the question to the proper election  
18          authority for submission to the electors of the county at the  
19          next regular election at which the question lawfully may be  
20          submitted to the electors, all in accordance with the Election  
21          Code.

22          For all regular elections held on or after the effective  
23          date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, the  
24          election authority must submit the question in substantially  
25          the following form:

26                 Shall a retailers' occupation tax and a service

1       occupation tax (commonly referred to as a "sales tax") be  
2       imposed in (name of county) at a rate of (insert rate) to  
3       be used exclusively for school facility purposes?

4       The election authority must record the votes as "Yes" or "No".

5       If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote  
6       in the affirmative, then the tax shall be imposed at the rate  
7       set forth in the question.

8           For the purposes of this subsection (c), "enrollment" means  
9       the head count of the students residing in the county on the  
10      last school day of September of each year, which must be  
11      reported on the Illinois State Board of Education Public School  
12      Fall Enrollment/Housing Report.

13           (d) The Department shall immediately pay over to the State  
14      Treasurer, ex officio, as trustee, all taxes and penalties  
15      collected under this Section to be deposited into the School  
16      Facility Occupation Tax Fund, which shall be an unappropriated  
17      trust fund held outside the State treasury.

18           On or before the 25th day of each calendar month, the  
19      Department shall prepare and certify to the Comptroller the  
20      disbursement of stated sums of money to the regional  
21      superintendents of schools in counties from which retailers or  
22      servicemen have paid taxes or penalties to the Department  
23      during the second preceding calendar month. The amount to be  
24      paid to each regional superintendent of schools and disbursed  
25      to him or her in accordance with 3-14.31 of the School Code, is  
26      equal to the amount (not including credit memoranda) collected

1 from the county under this Section during the second preceding  
2 calendar month by the Department, (i) less 2% of that amount,  
3 which shall be deposited into the Tax Compliance and  
4 Administration Fund and shall be used by the Department,  
5 subject to appropriation, to cover the costs of the Department  
6 in administering and enforcing the provisions of this Section,  
7 on behalf of the county, (ii) plus an amount that the  
8 Department determines is necessary to offset any amounts that  
9 were erroneously paid to a different taxing body; (iii) less an  
10 amount equal to the amount of refunds made during the second  
11 preceding calendar month by the Department on behalf of the  
12 county; and (iv) less any amount that the Department determines  
13 is necessary to offset any amounts that were payable to a  
14 different taxing body but were erroneously paid to the county.  
15 When certifying the amount of a monthly disbursement to a  
16 regional superintendent of schools under this Section, the  
17 Department shall increase or decrease the amounts by an amount  
18 necessary to offset any miscalculation of previous  
19 disbursements within the previous 6 months from the time a  
20 miscalculation is discovered.

21 Within 10 days after receipt by the Comptroller from the  
22 Department of the disbursement certification to the regional  
23 superintendents of the schools provided for in this Section,  
24 the Comptroller shall cause the orders to be drawn for the  
25 respective amounts in accordance with directions contained in  
26 the certification.



1           If the Department determines that a refund should be made  
2 under this Section to a claimant instead of issuing a credit  
3 memorandum, then the Department shall notify the Comptroller,  
4 who shall cause the order to be drawn for the amount specified  
5 and to the person named in the notification from the  
6 Department. The refund shall be paid by the Treasurer out of  
7 the School Facility Occupation Tax Fund.

8           (e) For the purposes of determining the local governmental  
9 unit whose tax is applicable, a retail sale by a producer of  
10 coal or another mineral mined in Illinois is a sale at retail  
11 at the place where the coal or other mineral mined in Illinois  
12 is extracted from the earth. This subsection does not apply to  
13 coal or another mineral when it is delivered or shipped by the  
14 seller to the purchaser at a point outside Illinois so that the  
15 sale is exempt under the United States Constitution as a sale  
16 in interstate or foreign commerce.

17           (f) Nothing in this Section may be construed to authorize ~~a~~  
18 ~~county board to impose~~ a tax to be imposed upon the privilege  
19 of engaging in any business that under the Constitution of the  
20 United States may not be made the subject of taxation by this  
21 State.

22           (g) If a county board imposes a tax under this Section  
23 pursuant to a referendum held before the effective date of this  
24 amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly at a rate below the  
25 rate set forth in the question approved by a majority of  
26 electors of that county voting on the question as provided in

1 subsection (c), then the county board may, by ordinance,  
2 increase the rate of the tax up to the rate set forth in the  
3 question approved by a majority of electors of that county  
4 voting on the question as provided in subsection (c). If a  
5 county board imposes a tax under this Section pursuant to a  
6 referendum held before the effective date of this amendatory  
7 Act of the 97th General Assembly, then the board may, by  
8 ordinance, discontinue or reduce the rate of the tax. If a tax  
9 is imposed under this Section pursuant to a referendum held on  
10 or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th  
11 General Assembly, then the county board may reduce or  
12 discontinue the tax, but only in accordance with subsection  
13 (h-5) of this Section. If, however, a school board issues bonds  
14 that are secured ~~backed~~ by the proceeds of the tax under this  
15 Section, then the county board may not reduce the tax rate or  
16 discontinue the tax if that rate reduction or discontinuance  
17 would adversely affect ~~inhibit~~ the school board's ability to  
18 pay the principal and interest on those bonds as they become  
19 due or necessitate the extension of additional property taxes  
20 to pay the principal and interest on those bonds. If the county  
21 board reduces the tax rate or discontinues the tax, then a  
22 referendum must be held in accordance with subsection (c) of  
23 this Section in order to increase the rate of the tax or to  
24 reimpose the discontinued tax.

25 The results of any election that imposes, reduces, or  
26 discontinues ~~authorizes a proposition to impose~~ a tax under

1 this Section must be certified by the election authority, and  
2 ~~or to change the rate of the tax along with an ordinance~~  
3 ~~imposing the tax, or~~ any ordinance that increases or lowers the  
4 rate or discontinues the tax, must be certified by the county  
5 clerk and, in each case, filed with the Illinois Department of  
6 Revenue either (i) on or before the first day of April,  
7 whereupon the Department shall proceed to administer and  
8 enforce the tax or change in the rate as of the first day of  
9 July next following the filing; or (ii) on or before the first  
10 day of October, whereupon the Department shall proceed to  
11 administer and enforce the tax or change in the rate as of the  
12 first day of January next following the filing.

13 (h) For purposes of this Section, "school facility  
14 purposes" means (i) the acquisition, development,  
15 construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement,  
16 financing, architectural planning, and installation of capital  
17 facilities consisting of buildings, structures, and durable  
18 equipment and for the acquisition and improvement of real  
19 property and interest in real property required, or expected to  
20 be required, in connection with the capital facilities and (ii)  
21 the payment of bonds or other obligations heretofore or  
22 hereafter issued, including bonds or other obligations  
23 heretofore or hereafter issued to refund or to continue to  
24 refund bonds or other obligations issued, for school facility  
25 purposes, provided that the taxes levied to pay those bonds are  
26 abated by the amount of the taxes imposed under this Section

1 that are used to pay those bonds. "School-facility purposes"  
2 also includes fire prevention, safety, energy conservation,  
3 disabled accessibility, school security, and specified repair  
4 purposes set forth under Section 17-2.11 of the School Code.

5 (h-5) A county board in a county where a tax has been  
6 imposed under this Section pursuant to a referendum held on or  
7 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th  
8 General Assembly may, by ordinance or resolution, submit to the  
9 voters of the county the question of reducing or discontinuing  
10 the tax. In the ordinance or resolution, the county board shall  
11 certify the question to the proper election authority in  
12 accordance with the Election Code. The election authority must  
13 submit the question in substantially the following form:

14 Shall the school facility retailers' occupation tax  
15 and service occupation tax (commonly referred to as the  
16 "school facility sales tax") currently imposed in (name of  
17 county) at a rate of (insert rate) be (reduced to (insert  
18 rate)) (discontinued)?

19 If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote in  
20 the affirmative, then, subject to the provisions of subsection  
21 (g) of this Section, the tax shall be reduced or discontinued  
22 as set forth in the question.

23 (i) This Section does not apply to Cook County.

24 (j) This Section may be cited as the County School Facility  
25 Occupation Tax Law.

26 (Source: P.A. 95-675, eff. 10-11-07.)

1           Section 15. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
2           10-22.36 as follows:

3           (105 ILCS 5/10-22.36) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-22.36)

4           Sec. 10-22.36. Buildings for school purposes. To build or  
5           purchase a building for school classroom or instructional  
6           purposes upon the approval of a majority of the voters upon the  
7           proposition at a referendum held for such purpose or in  
8           accordance with Section 17-2.11, 19-3.5, or 19-3.10. The board  
9           may initiate such referendum by resolution. The board shall  
10          certify the resolution and proposition to the proper election  
11          authority for submission in accordance with the general  
12          election law.

13          The questions of building one or more new buildings for  
14          school purposes or office facilities, and issuing bonds for the  
15          purpose of borrowing money to purchase one or more buildings or  
16          sites for such buildings or office sites, to build one or more  
17          new buildings for school purposes or office facilities or to  
18          make additions and improvements to existing school buildings,  
19          may be combined into one or more propositions on the ballot.

20          Before erecting, or purchasing or remodeling such a  
21          building the board shall submit the plans and specifications  
22          respecting heating, ventilating, lighting, seating, water  
23          supply, toilets and safety against fire to the regional  
24          superintendent of schools having supervision and control over

1 the district, for approval in accordance with Section 2-3.12.

2 Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, no referendum shall  
3 be required if the purchase, construction, or building of any  
4 such building ~~is completed~~ (1) occurs while the building is  
5 being leased by the school district or (2) is paid with ~~with~~  
6 ~~the expenditure of~~ (A) funds derived from the sale or  
7 disposition of other buildings, land, or structures of the  
8 school district or (B) funds received (i) as a grant under the  
9 School Construction Law, ~~or~~ or (ii) as gifts or donations,  
10 provided that no funds to purchase, construct, or build  
11 ~~complete~~ such building, other than lease payments, are derived  
12 from the district's bonded indebtedness or the tax levy of the  
13 district, ~~or (iii) from the County School Facility Occupation~~  
14 ~~Tax Law under Section 5-1006.7 of the Counties Code.~~

15 Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, no referendum shall  
16 be required if the purchase, construction, or building of any  
17 such building is paid with funds received from the County  
18 School Facility Occupation Tax Law under Section 5-1006.7 of  
19 the Counties Code or from the proceeds of bonds or other debt  
20 obligations secured by revenues obtained from that Law.

21 (Source: P.A. 95-675, eff. 10-11-07; 96-517, eff. 8-14-09.)

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