

**SB3799**



**97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

65 ILCS 5/3.1-20-25

from Ch. 24, par. 3.1-20-25

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the redistricting of a city.

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**A BILL FOR**

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 Municipal Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 3.1-20-25 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/3.1-20-25) (from Ch. 24, par. 3.1-20-25)

7 Sec. 3.1-20-25. Redistricting a city.

8 (a) In the ~~the~~ formation of wards, the number of  
9 inhabitants of the city immediately preceding the division of  
10 the city into wards shall be as nearly equal in population, and  
11 the wards shall be of as compact and contiguous territory, as  
12 practicable. Wards shall be created in a manner so that, as far  
13 as practicable, no precinct shall be divided between 2 or more  
14 wards.

15 (b) Whenever an official census shows that a city contains  
16 more or fewer wards than it is entitled to, the city council of  
17 the city, by ordinance, shall redistrict the city into as many  
18 wards as the city is entitled. This redistricting shall be  
19 completed not less than 30 days before the first day set by the  
20 general election law for the filing of candidate petitions for  
21 the next succeeding election for city officers. At this  
22 election there shall be elected the number of aldermen to which  
23 the city is entitled, except as provided in subsection (c).

1           (c) If it appears from any official census that a city has  
2 the requisite number of inhabitants to authorize it to increase  
3 the number of aldermen, the city council shall immediately  
4 proceed to redistrict the city and shall hold the next city  
5 election in accordance with the new redistricting. At this  
6 election the aldermen whose terms of office are not expiring  
7 shall be considered aldermen for the new wards respectively in  
8 which their residences are situated. At this election, in a  
9 municipality that is not a newly incorporated municipality, a  
10 candidate for alderman may be elected from any ward that  
11 contains a part of the ward in which he or she resided at least  
12 one year next preceding the election that follows the  
13 redistricting, and, if elected, that person may be reelected  
14 from the new ward he or she represents if he or she resides in  
15 that ward for at least one year next preceding reelection. If  
16 there are 2 or more aldermen with terms of office not expiring  
17 and residing in the same ward under the new redistricting, the  
18 alderman who holds over for that ward shall be determined by  
19 lot in the presence of the city council, in the manner directed  
20 by the council, and all other aldermen shall fill their  
21 unexpired terms as aldermen-at-large. The aldermen-at-large,  
22 if any, shall have the same powers and duties as all other  
23 aldermen, but upon the expiration of their terms the offices of  
24 aldermen-at-large shall be abolished.

25           (d) If the redistricting results in one or more wards in  
26 which no aldermen reside whose terms of office have not

1 expired, 2 aldermen shall be elected in accordance with Section  
2 3.1-20-35, unless the city elected only one alderman per ward  
3 pursuant to a referendum under subsection (a) of Section  
4 3.1-20-20.

5 (e) A redistricting ordinance that has decreased the number  
6 of wards of a city because of a decrease in population of the  
7 city shall not be effective if, not less than 60 days before  
8 the time fixed for the next succeeding general municipal  
9 election, an official census is officially published that shows  
10 that the city has regained a population that entitles it to the  
11 number of wards that it had just before the passage of the last  
12 redistricting ordinance.

13 (Source: P.A. 95-646, eff. 1-1-08.)