



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

HB5644

by Rep. Sam Yingling

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

60 ILCS 1/80-85 new

Amends the Township Code. Provides that the electors of a township with fewer than 15 miles of road under the jurisdiction of the township highway commissioner may elect to abolish the position of township highway commissioner and transfer to the township board all of its functions and responsibilities. Allows the question of whether to abolish the position of township highway commissioner to be submitted to the electors by a majority vote of the township board, by a majority of electors at the annual meeting, or by a petition signed by registered voters residing within the township.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

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 Township Code is amended by adding Section  
5 80-85 as follows:

6 (60 ILCS 1/80-85 new)

7 Sec. 80-85. Highway consolidation.

8 (a) The electors of a township may abolish the position of  
9 township highway commissioner and transfer all of the  
10 commissioner's functions and responsibilities to the township  
11 board if the township has fewer than 15 miles of road under the  
12 jurisdiction of the highway commissioner. The question to  
13 abolish the position of township highway commissioner and  
14 transfer its functions and responsibilities to the township  
15 board shall be submitted to the electors in one of the  
16 following ways:

17 (i) by a majority vote of the township board;

18 (ii) by a majority vote of the electors at the annual  
19 meeting; or

20 (iii) by a petition containing 500 signatures of  
21 registered voters residing within the township.

22 (b) After the question to abolish the position of highway  
23 commissioner is approved under subsection (a) and the township

1 board has submitted the question to the township clerk, the  
2 township clerk shall certify the question to the local election  
3 official, who shall submit the question to the voters of the  
4 township at the next regular election following the approval of  
5 the question. The question submitted to the electors at the  
6 election shall be in substantially the following form:

7 Shall the position of Highway Commissioner of (name of  
8 township) be abolished and all of its functions and  
9 responsibilities assumed by the Township Board of (name of  
10 township)?

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

12 If the majority of electors voting on the question vote in  
13 favor of the question, then the position of township highway  
14 commissioner shall be abolished 30 days after the certification  
15 of the results of the vote and the township board shall assume  
16 all of the highway commissioner's former functions and  
17 responsibilities.