



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB2618

Introduced 11/6/2013, by Sen. Julie A. Morrison - Pamela J. Althoff - Karen McConnaughay

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/5-1133

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a county board may by ordinance adopt a code of conduct regarding the accountability, fiscal responsibility, procurement authority, transparency, and ethical conduct of county appointees in addition to those mandated by law for and applicable to the appointees of any unit of local government. Provides that the county board chairman or county executive may unilaterally remove any appointee he or she appoints for good cause shown. Provides that the county board may, by a majority vote, remove any appointee it appoints for good cause shown. Requires that prior to removal from office, an appointee must be provided with reasonable notice of any violation and a hearing before the county board or its designee.

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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 Counties Code is amended by changing Section
5 5-1133 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-1133)

7 Sec. 5-1133. Counties of greater than 300,000 but less than
8 2,000,000; reporting of information; code of conduct for county
9 appointees.

10 (a) A county board in a county with a population greater
11 than 300,000 but less than 2,000,000 may by ordinance require
12 any unit of local government or agency to which the county
13 board chairman or county executive nominates and the county
14 board confirms a majority of member appointments to provide the
15 county with detailed information, including, but not limited
16 to, the unit's or agency's finances, budget, contracts,
17 employment, and ethics policies, in the manner and with the
18 frequency specified by the ordinance. The ordinance may require
19 the unit of local government or agency to immediately disclose
20 to the county any internal or external findings of
21 non-compliance with any law or regulation involving the unit of
22 local government or agency and its personnel.

23 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a

1 county board may by ordinance adopt a code of conduct regarding
2 the accountability, fiscal responsibility, procurement
3 authority, transparency, and ethical conduct of county
4 appointees in addition to those mandated by law for and
5 applicable to the appointees to any unit of local government,
6 agency, or commission for which the county board chairman,
7 county executive, or county board serves as the appointing
8 authority. The ordinance may provide that good cause for
9 removing an appointee is established when an appointee violates
10 the code of conduct. For good cause shown, the county board
11 chairman or county executive may unilaterally remove any
12 appointee he or she appoints. For good cause shown, the county
13 board may, by a majority vote, remove any appointee it
14 appoints. Before removal, however, an appointee shall be
15 provided reasonable notice of the violation and a hearing
16 before the county board or its designee.

17 (Source: P.A. 97-84, eff. 7-6-11.)