



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB3552

Introduced 2/14/2014, by Sen. Julie A. Morrison

#### 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 appointees appointed by a county board chairman or county executive, with or without the consent of the county board, may be removed from office for violating the code of conduct by the county board chairman or county executive with concurrence by a majority vote of the county board. Requires that reasonable notice of the violation and a hearing before the county board or its designee shall be provided to the appointee prior to the vote. Provides that appointees appointed by the county board may be removed by a majority vote of the county board for violating the code of conduct after providing the appointee with reasonable notice of the 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. Appointees appointed by a county board  
11 chairman or county executive, with or without the consent of  
12 the county board, may be removed from office for violating the  
13 code of conduct by the county board chairman or county  
14 executive with concurrence by a majority vote of the county  
15 board. The appointee shall be provided reasonable notice of the  
16 violation and a hearing before the county board or its designee  
17 prior to the vote. Appointees appointed by the county board may  
18 be removed by a majority vote of the county board for violating  
19 the code of conduct after providing the appointee with  
20 reasonable notice of the violation and a hearing before the  
21 county board or its designee.

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