

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 fiscal responsibility and procurement authority, as
3 required by State law, local ordinance, or county board policy,
4 as well as the accountability, transparency, and ethical
5 conduct of county appointees, in addition to those requirements
6 mandated by law for and applicable to the appointees to any
7 unit of local government, agency, or commission for which the
8 county board chairman, county executive, or county board serves
9 as the appointing authority. The ordinance may provide that
10 good cause for removing an appointee is established when an
11 appointee violates the code of conduct. Appointees appointed by
12 a county board chairman or county executive, with or without
13 the consent of the county board, may be removed from office for
14 violating the code of conduct by the county board chairman or
15 county executive with concurrence by a 2/3 majority vote of the
16 county board. The appointee shall be provided reasonable notice
17 of the violation and a hearing before the county board or its
18 designee prior to the vote. Appointees appointed by the county
19 board may be removed by a 2/3 majority vote of the county board
20 for violating the code of conduct after providing the appointee
21 with reasonable notice of the violation and a hearing before
22 the county board or its designee.

23 (c) The provisions of this Section do not apply to the
24 removal of county superintendent of highways or county engineer
25 as provided under Section 5-203 of the Illinois Highway Code.

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