

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 Park District Aquarium and Museum Act is
5 amended by changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 1290/1) (from Ch. 105, par. 326)

7 Sec. 1. Erect, operate, and maintain aquariums and museums.
8 The corporate authorities of cities and park districts having
9 the control or supervision of any public park or parks, are
10 hereby authorized to purchase, erect and maintain within any
11 public park or parks under the control or supervision of such
12 corporate authorities, edifices to be used as aquariums or as
13 museums of art, industry, science or natural or other history,
14 or to permit the directors or trustees of any corporation or
15 society organized for the construction or maintenance and
16 operation of an aquarium or museum as hereinabove described to
17 erect, enlarge, ornament, build, rebuild, rehabilitate,
18 improve, maintain and operate its aquarium or museum or museums
19 within any public park now or hereafter under the control or
20 supervision of any city or park district, and to contract with
21 any such directors or trustees of any such aquarium, museum or
22 museums relative to the erection, enlargement, ornamentation,
23 building, rebuilding, rehabilitation, improvement, maintenance

1 and operation thereof. Any city or park district may charge, or
2 permit such an aquarium or museum to charge, an admission fee.
3 Any such aquarium or museum, however, shall be open without
4 charge, when accompanied by a teacher, to the children in
5 actual attendance upon grades kindergarten through twelve in
6 any of the schools in this State at all times. For a period of 3
7 years beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of
8 the 99th General Assembly, any ~~Any~~ such aquarium or museum,
9 however, must be open to persons who reside in this State
10 without charge for a period equivalent to: (i) for persons 23
11 years of age and younger, 52 days, at least 6 of which must be
12 during the period from June through August, each year; and (ii)
13 for persons older than 23 years of age, 26 days, at least 6 of
14 which must be during the period from June through August, each
15 year. Notwithstanding said provisions, charges may be made at
16 any time for special services and for admission to special
17 facilities within any aquarium or museum for the education,
18 entertainment or convenience of visitors. The proceeds of such
19 admission fees and charges for special services and special
20 facilities shall be devoted exclusively to the purposes for
21 which the tax authorized by Section 2 hereof may be used. If
22 any owner or owners of any lands or lots abutting or fronting
23 on any such public park, or adjacent thereto, have any private
24 right, easement, interest or property in such public park
25 appurtenant to their lands or lots or otherwise, which would be
26 interfered with by the erection and maintenance of any aquarium

1 or museum as hereinbefore provided, or any right to have such
2 public park remain open or vacant and free from buildings, the
3 corporate authorities of the city or park district having
4 control of such park, may condemn the same in the manner
5 prescribed for the exercise of the right of eminent domain
6 under the Eminent Domain Act.

7 (Source: P.A. 97-187, eff. 7-22-11.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.