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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 116

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 116, AS AMENDED, by
3 replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Illinois Finance Authority Act is amended
6 by changing Sections 820-10, 820-20, and 820-25 and by adding
7 Section 820-37 as follows:

8 (20 ILCS 3501/820-10)

9 Sec. 820-10. Definitions. The following words or terms,
10 whenever used or referred to in this Article, shall have the
11 following meanings ascribed to them, except where the context
12 clearly requires otherwise:

13 (a) "Department" means the Illinois Department of Commerce
14 and Economic Opportunity.

15 (b) "Unit of local government" means any unit of local
16 government, as defined in Article VII, Section 1 of the 1970

1 State Constitution and any local public entity as that term is
2 defined by the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees
3 Tort Immunity Act and also includes the State and any
4 instrumentality, office, officer, department, division,
5 bureau, commission, college or university thereof.

6 (c) "Energy conservation project" means any improvement,
7 repair, alteration or betterment of any building or facility or
8 any equipment, including but not limited to an Energy
9 Efficiency Project, as defined in item (iii) of subsection (b)
10 of Section 825-65, in connection with any school district or
11 community college district project, and any fixture or
12 furnishing including its energy using mechanical devices to be
13 added to or used in any building or facility that the Director
14 of the Department has certified to the Authority will be a
15 cost-effective energy-related project that will lower energy
16 or utility costs in connection with the operation or
17 maintenance of such building or facility, and will achieve
18 energy cost savings sufficient to cover bond debt service and
19 other project costs within 20 ~~10~~ years from the date of project
20 installation.

21 (d) "Green special service area project" means any energy
22 efficiency improvement, renewable energy improvement, or water
23 use improvement as such terms are defined in Section 27-5 of
24 the Special Service Area Tax Law.

25 (Source: P.A. 97-760, eff. 7-6-12.)

1 (20 ILCS 3501/820-20)

2 Sec. 820-20. Powers and Duties; Illinois Local Government
3 Financing Assistance Program. The Authority has the power:

4 (a) To purchase from time to time pursuant to negotiated
5 sale or to otherwise acquire from time to time any local
6 government securities issued by one or more units of local
7 government upon such terms and conditions as the Authority may
8 prescribe;

9 (b) To issue bonds in one or more series pursuant to one or
10 more resolutions of the Authority for any purpose authorized
11 under this Article, including without limitation purchasing or
12 acquiring local government securities, providing for the
13 payment of any interest deemed necessary on such bonds, paying
14 for the cost of issuance of such bonds, providing for the
15 payment of the cost of any guarantees, letters of credit,
16 insurance contracts or other similar credit support or
17 liquidity instruments, or providing for the funding of any
18 reserves deemed necessary in connection with such bonds and
19 refunding or advance refunding of any such bonds and the
20 interest and any premium thereon, pursuant to this Act;

21 (c) To provide for the funding of any reserves or other
22 funds or accounts deemed necessary by the Authority in
23 connection with any bonds issued by the Authority or local
24 government securities purchased or otherwise acquired by the
25 Authority;

26 (d) To pledge any local government security, including any

1 payments thereon, and any other funds of the Authority or funds
2 made available to the Authority which may be applied to such
3 purpose, as security for any bonds or any guarantees, letters
4 of credit, insurance contracts or similar credit support or
5 liquidity instruments securing the bonds;

6 (e) To enter into agreements or contracts with third
7 parties, whether public or private, including without
8 limitation the United States of America, the State, or any
9 department or agency thereof to obtain any appropriations,
10 grants, loans or guarantees which are deemed necessary or
11 desirable by the Authority. Any such guarantee, agreement or
12 contract may contain terms and provisions necessary or
13 desirable in connection with the program, subject to the
14 requirements established by this Article;

15 (f) To charge reasonable fees to defray the cost of
16 obtaining letters of credit, insurance contracts or other
17 similar documents, and to charge such other reasonable fees to
18 defray the cost of trustees, depositories, paying agents, bond
19 registrars, escrow agents and other administrative expenses.
20 Any such fees shall be payable by units of local government
21 whose local government securities are purchased or otherwise
22 acquired by the Authority pursuant to this Article, in such
23 amounts and at such times as the Authority shall determine, and
24 the amount of the fees need not be uniform among the various
25 units of local government whose local government securities are
26 purchased or otherwise acquired by the Authority pursuant to

1 this Article;

2 (g) To obtain and maintain guarantees, letters of credit,
3 insurance contracts or similar credit support or liquidity
4 instruments which are deemed necessary or desirable in
5 connection with any bonds or other obligations of the Authority
6 or any local government securities;

7 (h) To establish application fees and other service fees
8 and prescribe application, notification, contract, agreement,
9 security and insurance forms and rules and regulations it deems
10 necessary or appropriate;

11 (i) To provide technical assistance, at the request of any
12 unit of local government, with respect to the financing or
13 refinancing for any public purpose. In fulfillment of this
14 purpose, the Authority may request assistance from the
15 Department as necessary; any unit of local government that is
16 experiencing either a financial emergency as defined in the
17 Local Government Financial Planning and Supervision Act or a
18 condition of fiscal crisis evidenced by an impaired ability to
19 obtain financing for its public purpose projects from
20 traditional financial channels or impaired ability to fully
21 fund its obligations to fire, police and municipal employee
22 pension funds, or to bond payments or reserves, may request
23 technical assistance from the Authority in the form of a
24 diagnostic evaluation of its financial condition;

25 (j) To purchase any obligations of the Authority issued
26 pursuant to this Article;

1 (k) To sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of local
2 government securities purchased or otherwise acquired by the
3 Authority pursuant to this Article, including without
4 limitation, the sale, transfer or other disposition of
5 undivided fractionalized interests in the right to receive
6 payments of principal and premium, if any, or the right to
7 receive payments of interest or the right to receive payments
8 of principal of and premium, if any, and interest on pools of
9 such local government securities;

10 (l) To acquire, purchase, lease, sell, transfer and
11 otherwise dispose of real and personal property, or any
12 interest therein, and to issue its bonds and enter into leases,
13 contracts and other agreements with units of local government
14 in connection with such acquisitions, purchases, leases, sales
15 and other dispositions of such real and personal property;

16 (m) To make loans to banks, savings and loans and other
17 financial institutions for the purpose of purchasing or
18 otherwise acquiring local government securities, and to issue
19 its bonds, and enter into agreements and contracts in
20 connection with such loans;

21 (n) To enter into agreements or contracts with any person
22 necessary or appropriate to place the payment obligations of
23 the Authority under any of its bonds in whole or in part on any
24 interest rate basis, cash flow basis, or other basis desired by
25 the Authority, including without limitation agreements or
26 contracts commonly known as "interest rate swap agreements",

1 "forward payment conversion agreements", and "futures", or
2 agreements or contracts to exchange cash flows or a series of
3 payments, or agreements or contracts, including without
4 limitation agreements or contracts commonly known as
5 "options", "puts" or "calls", to hedge payment, rate spread, or
6 similar exposure; provided, that any such agreement or contract
7 shall not constitute an obligation for borrowed money, and
8 shall not be taken into account under Section 845-5 of this Act
9 or any other debt limit of the Authority or the State of
10 Illinois;

11 (o) To make and enter into all other agreements and
12 contracts and execute all instruments necessary or incidental
13 to performance of its duties and the execution of its powers
14 under this Article;

15 (p) To contract for and finance the costs of energy audits,
16 project-specific engineering and design specifications, and
17 any other related analyses preliminary to an energy
18 conservation project; and, to contract for and finance the cost
19 of project monitoring and data collection to verify
20 post-installation energy consumption and energy-related
21 operating costs. Any such contract shall be executed only after
22 it has been jointly negotiated by the Authority and the
23 Department; ~~and~~

24 (p-5) To purchase special service area bonds and to accept
25 assignments or pledges, or both, of special service area bonds
26 or agreements relating to green special service area projects,

1 which authority shall be liberally construed; and

2 (q) To exercise such other powers as are necessary or
3 incidental to the foregoing.

4 (Source: P.A. 93-205, eff. 1-1-04.)

5 (20 ILCS 3501/820-25)

6 Sec. 820-25. Unit of Local Government Participation. Any
7 unit of local government is authorized to voluntarily
8 participate in this program. Any unit of local government which
9 is authorized to issue, sell and deliver its local government
10 securities under any provision of the Constitution or laws of
11 the State may issue, sell and deliver such local government
12 securities to the Authority under this Article; provided that
13 and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
14 any such unit of local government may issue and sell any such
15 local government security at any interest rate or rates, which
16 rate or rates may be established by an index or formula which
17 may be implemented by persons appointed or retained for those
18 purposes ~~therefor~~, payable at such time or times, and at such
19 price or prices to which the unit of local government and the
20 Authority may agree. Any unit of local government may pay any
21 amount charged by the Authority pursuant to this Article. Any
22 unit of local government participating in this program may pay
23 out of the proceeds of its local government securities or out
24 of any other moneys or funds available to it for such purposes
25 any costs, fees, interest deemed necessary, premium or reserves

1 incurred or required for financing or refinancing this program,
2 including without limitation any fees charged by the Authority
3 pursuant to this Article and its share, as determined by the
4 Authority, of any costs, fees, interest deemed necessary,
5 premium or reserves incurred or required pursuant to Section
6 820-20 of this Act. All local government securities purchased
7 or otherwise acquired by the Authority pursuant to this Act
8 shall upon delivery to the Authority be accompanied by an
9 approving opinion of bond counsel as to the validity of such
10 securities. The Authority shall have discretion to purchase or
11 otherwise acquire those local government securities, as it
12 shall deem to be in the best interest of its financing program
13 for all units of local government taken as a whole. Any unit of
14 local government with the authority, in connection with green
15 special service area projects, to provide special service area
16 tax financing under the Special Service Area Tax Law is
17 authorized to issue special service area bonds and sell or
18 assign those special service area bonds to the Authority or to
19 assign or pledge special service area bonds or agreements, or
20 both, to the Authority.

21 (Source: P.A. 93-205, eff. 1-1-04.)

22 (20 ILCS 3501/820-37 new)

23 Sec. 820-37. Unit of local government participation;
24 bonds. The Authority may assist units of local government by
25 establishing and implementing a program to issue their bonds

1 secured by special service area agreements assigned or pledged
2 to the Authority by units of local government so as to provide
3 financing for green special service area projects. The bonds of
4 the Authority shall not constitute an indebtedness or
5 obligation of the Authority or the State, and it shall be
6 plainly stated on the face of each such bond that it does not
7 constitute an indebtedness or obligation of the Authority or
8 the State but is payable solely from the revenues, income, or
9 other assets of the Authority that are pledged to the repayment
10 of those bonds.

11 Section 10. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing
12 Section 27-5 and by adding Section 27-97 as follows:

13 (35 ILCS 200/27-5)

14 Sec. 27-5. Short title; definitions. This Article may be
15 cited as the Special Service Area Tax Law.

16 When used in this Article:

17 "Energy efficiency improvement" means any installation,
18 modification, or replacement that reduces energy consumption
19 in any multi-family residential, commercial, or industrial
20 building, structure, or other facility, including, but not
21 limited to, all of the following:

22 (1) insulation in walls, roofs, floors, foundations,
23 and heating and cooling distribution systems;

24 (2) storm windows and doors, multiglazed windows and

1 doors, heat-absorbing or heat-reflective glazed and coated
2 window and door systems, additional glazing, reductions in
3 glass area, and other window and door system modifications;

4 (3) automatic energy control systems;

5 (4) high efficiency furnaces, lighting fixtures,
6 ventilating, or air conditioning and distribution systems;

7 (5) caulking and weather-stripping;

8 (6) facilities, improvements, or systems to bring
9 natural daylight into buildings; and

10 (7) any other installation, modification, replacement,
11 facility, improvement, rehabilitation, repair, or
12 remodeling that is permanently affixed to the property and
13 has the effect of reducing energy consumption.

14 For the purposes of levying a special service area tax on
15 the real property on which the energy efficiency improvement is
16 located in a green special service area under the Special
17 Service Area Tax Law in the Property Tax Code, any energy
18 efficiency improvement shall be deemed to be real property.

19 "Green special service area" means a special service area
20 created pursuant to Section 27-97 of this Act for the purpose
21 of providing special services that are energy efficiency
22 improvements, renewable energy improvements, water use
23 improvements, or a combination thereof. The corporate
24 authorities of the municipality or county may establish (i)
25 multiple green special service areas pursuant to a single
26 ordinance or (ii) multiple buildings, structures, facilities,

1 improvements, or lots or parcels of land within a single green
2 special service area, which are not required to be contiguous.
3 Revenues from multiple green special service areas and revenues
4 from multiple buildings, structures, facilities, improvements
5 or lots or parcels of land within a single green special
6 service area may be aggregated for a pledge as security for
7 bonds issued pursuant to Section 27-45 of this Act.

8 "Green special service area project" means any energy
9 efficiency improvement, renewable energy improvement, or water
10 use improvement, or any combination thereof.

11 "Multi-family residential" means a building containing
12 more than 4 units that is intended for human habitation, or any
13 mixed residential-commercial buildings or portions thereof
14 that are intended for human habitation.

15 "Renewable energy improvement" means any fixture, product,
16 system, device, or interacting group thereof, for or serving
17 any multi-family residential, commercial, or industrial
18 building, structure, or other facility that is permanently
19 affixed to the property and produces energy from renewable
20 resources as defined in Section 1-10 of the Illinois Power
21 Agency Act. For purposes of levying a special service area tax
22 on the real property on which the renewable energy improvement
23 is located in a green special service area under the Special
24 Service Area Tax Law and the Property Tax Code, any renewable
25 energy improvement shall be deemed to be real property.

26 "Special Service Area" means a contiguous area, except as

1 provided in this Act concerning green special service areas,
2 within a municipality or county in which special governmental
3 services are provided in addition to those services provided
4 generally throughout the municipality or county, the cost of
5 the special services to be paid from revenues collected from
6 taxes levied or imposed upon property within that area.
7 Territory shall be considered contiguous for purposes of this
8 Article even though certain completely surrounded portions of
9 the territory are excluded from the special service area. A
10 county may create a special service area within a municipality
11 or municipalities when the municipality or municipalities
12 consent to the creation of the special service area. A
13 municipality may create a special service area within a
14 municipality and the unincorporated area of a county or within
15 another municipality when the county or other municipality
16 consents to the creation of the special service area.

17 "Special Services" means all forms of services pertaining
18 to the government and affairs of the municipality or county,
19 including but not limited to weather modification, energy
20 efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements, water
21 use improvements, and improvements permissible under Article 9
22 of the Illinois Municipal Code, and contracts for the supply of
23 water as described in Section 11-124-1 of the Illinois
24 Municipal Code which may be entered into by the municipality or
25 by the county on behalf of a county special service area.

26 "Water use improvement" means any fixture, product,

1 system, device, or interacting group thereof, for or serving
2 any multi-family residential, commercial, or industrial
3 building, structure, or other facility that has the effect of
4 conserving water resources through improved water management
5 or efficiency. For the purposes of levying a special service
6 area tax on the real property on which the water use
7 improvement is located in a green special service area under
8 the Special Service Area Tax Law in the Property Tax Code, any
9 water use improvement shall be deemed to be real property.

10 (Source: P.A. 86-1324; 88-445.)

11 (35 ILCS 200/27-97 new)

12 Sec. 27-97. Green special service areas.

13 (a) The corporate authorities of a municipality or a county
14 may establish a green special service area, or multiple green
15 special service areas under a single ordinance, for the purpose
16 of arranging for and financing energy efficiency improvements,
17 renewable energy improvements, or water use improvements, the
18 financing of which shall constitute a public purpose. Each
19 green special service area shall include only property for
20 which each owner of record has executed a contract or agreement
21 consenting to the inclusion of the property within the green
22 special service area, and such contract or agreement may be
23 entered into after the adoption of the ordinance by the
24 corporate authorities establishing the green special service
25 area. The inclusion, or, as applicable, deletion, of property

1 within the green special service area after the adoption of the
2 ordinance by the corporate authorities establishing the green
3 special service area may be made either (i) by the adoption of
4 a supplemental or amending ordinance by the corporate
5 authorities or (ii) pursuant to authority in the establishing
6 ordinance designating one or more county or municipal officers,
7 as applicable, to include or delete other properties. Green
8 special service areas are exempt from the provisions of
9 Sections 27-20, 27-25, 27-30, 27-35, 27-40, 27-50, 27-55,
10 27-60, 27-65, and 27-70 of the Special Service Area Tax Law. A
11 municipality or a county may create a green special service
12 area by an ordinance establishing the green special service
13 area or multiple green special services areas. Notwithstanding
14 anything in the Special Service Area Tax Law to the contrary, a
15 county may establish a green special service area within a
16 municipality without the consent of that municipality. Each
17 owner of record of property within a green special service area
18 may arrange for the specific energy efficiency improvements,
19 renewable energy improvements, or water use improvements, and
20 may obtain financing for such improvements through the process
21 set forth in the ordinance establishing the green special
22 service area. A green special service area may consist of a
23 single building, structure, facility, improvement, or lot or
24 parcel of land. The corporate authorities of a municipality or
25 a county may establish multiple green special service areas
26 pursuant to a single ordinance or may, within a single green

1 special service area, identify multiple buildings, structures,
2 facilities, improvements, or lots or parcels of land, whether
3 or not those buildings, structures, facilities, improvements,
4 lots, or parcels are contiguous. However, each green special
5 service area shall be established with respect to a single
6 contract or agreement. Revenues derived from special service
7 area taxes levied in multiple green special service areas or
8 revenues from multiple buildings, structures, facilities,
9 improvements or lots or parcels of land within a single green
10 special service area may be aggregated for a pledge as security
11 for bonds issued pursuant to Section 27-45 of the Special
12 Service Area Tax Law. Municipalities and counties shall have
13 the power to issue bonds under Section 27-45 of the Special
14 Service Area Tax Law for the public purposes set forth in this
15 Section 27-97; provided that it shall not be necessary to give
16 notice of or to conduct a public hearing, as required in
17 Section 27-45 of the Special Service Area Tax Law, in
18 connection with the issuance of those bonds, as otherwise
19 required by Section 27-45 of the Special Service Area Tax Law.

20 (b) The corporate authorities of a county or municipality
21 that establish a green special service area shall have the
22 power to levy a special service area tax on the real property
23 on which the energy use improvements, the renewable energy
24 improvements, and the water use improvements are located if
25 each owner of record has entered into a contract or agreement
26 for those energy efficiency improvements, those renewable

1 energy improvements, and those water use improvements. It is
2 not necessary to file a copy of the notice of public hearing
3 with the County Clerk as otherwise required by Section 27-75 of
4 the Special Service Area Tax Law. The contract or agreement
5 entered into with the owner of the property shall be conclusive
6 as to the due authorization and establishment of the applicable
7 green special service area as it relates to those energy
8 efficiency improvements, those renewable energy improvements,
9 and those water use improvements and the amount of the special
10 service area taxes to be levied and extended against the real
11 property on which such energy efficiency improvements, such
12 renewable energy improvements and such water use improvements
13 are located. A contract or agreement may specify the amount of
14 the special service area taxes levied pursuant to this Section
15 on the real property on which the applicable energy efficiency
16 improvements, renewable energy improvements, water use
17 improvements, or a combination thereof are located or as
18 applicable to the principal of and interest on bonds issued,
19 including as a part of a larger pooled or composite issue, for
20 financing such energy efficiency improvements, renewable
21 energy improvements or water use improvements. The specified
22 special service area tax levies in a contract or agreement when
23 recorded as provided in subsection (c) of this Section and
24 filed in the office of the recorder of the county where the
25 real property is located shall be authority for each affected
26 municipality or county to extend and collect the levied special

1 service area taxes for the applicable municipality or county,
2 or both, with respect to each such contract or agreement.

3 In the event that a municipality establishes a green
4 special service area pursuant to this Section, the county clerk
5 of the county in which the green special service area is
6 located may agree to extend, and the county collector of that
7 county may agree to collect, distribute, and account for, the
8 special service area taxes on behalf of the municipality upon
9 the establishment of the green special service area or at any
10 time thereafter. Upon agreement, the county clerk shall
11 continue to extend, and the county collector shall continue to
12 collect, distribute, and account for the levied special service
13 area taxes until the green special service area is dissolved.
14 If the county clerk and the county collector agree to extend,
15 collect, and account for the levied special service area taxes,
16 the ordinance levying the special service area taxes in a green
17 special service area shall be filed with the county clerk of
18 that county. A municipality that establishes a green special
19 service area may extend and collect the special service area
20 taxes, and send out a separate tax bill with respect to those
21 levied taxes.

22 (c) Before entering into a contract or agreement as set
23 forth in subsections (a) and (b) of this Section, a
24 municipality or county must ensure the following: (i) that
25 there are no delinquent taxes, special assessments, or water or
26 sewer charges on the property; (ii) that the amount of the

1 assessment in relation to the assessed value of the property
2 does not exceed 25%; (iii) that any existing mortgage holders
3 have provided written consent; (iv) that a baseline audit or
4 feasibility study, as well as a modeling of expected savings,
5 has been conducted for the proposed project; (v) that the
6 contractors to be used are registered and have agreed to adhere
7 to a set of terms and conditions through a process established
8 by the municipality or county; (vi) that the municipality or
9 county will not authorize payment to the contractor until the
10 property owner has provided verification that the improvement
11 was properly installed and is operating as intended; (vii) that
12 the term of the assessment does not exceed the useful life of
13 the project paid for by the assessment, provided that projects
14 that consist of multiple improvements with varying lengths of
15 useful life shall have the lengths blended to determine an
16 overall assessment term that does not exceed the useful life of
17 the improvements in aggregate.

18 (d) The contract or agreement in subsection (b) of this
19 Section shall be in recordable form and shall be recorded in
20 the office of the recorder in the county where the real
21 property is located.

22 (e) Any municipality or county with the authority to
23 provide special service area financing in connection with green
24 special service area projects, as provided in the Special
25 Service Area Tax Law, may do any of the following: (i) issue
26 special service area bonds pursuant to Section 27-45 of the

1 Special Service Area Tax Law, as provided in subsection (a) of
2 this Section, (ii) sell or assign those bonds to the Illinois
3 Finance Authority, and (iii) assign or pledge those special
4 service area bonds, agreements relating to green special
5 service area projects, or both to the Illinois Finance
6 Authority.

7 (f) A municipality or county may join with any other
8 municipality or county, or with any person, or with any number
9 or combination thereof, by contract or otherwise as may be
10 permitted by law, in a program to implement green special
11 service areas in whole or in part.

12 (g) This Section shall be liberally construed to effect the
13 legislative purpose of enabling eligible property owners to
14 make energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy
15 improvements, or water use improvements, or any combination
16 thereof, to their properties.

17 Section 15. The Counties Code is amended by changing
18 Section 5-1005 as follows:

19 (55 ILCS 5/5-1005) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-1005)

20 Sec. 5-1005. Powers. Each county shall have power:

21 1. To purchase and hold the real and personal estate
22 necessary for the uses of the county, and to purchase and
23 hold, for the benefit of the county, real estate sold by
24 virtue of judicial proceedings in which the county is

1 plaintiff.

2 2. To sell and convey or lease any real or personal
3 estate owned by the county.

4 3. To make all contracts and do all other acts in
5 relation to the property and concerns of the county
6 necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers.

7 4. To take all necessary measures and institute
8 proceedings to enforce all laws for the prevention of
9 cruelty to animals.

10 5. To purchase and hold or lease real estate upon which
11 may be erected and maintained buildings to be utilized for
12 purposes of agricultural experiments and to purchase, hold
13 and use personal property for the care and maintenance of
14 such real estate in connection with such experimental
15 purposes.

16 6. To cause to be erected, or otherwise provided,
17 suitable buildings for, and maintain a county hospital and
18 necessary branch hospitals and/or a county sheltered care
19 home or county nursing home for the care of such sick,
20 chronically ill or infirm persons as may by law be proper
21 charges upon the county, or upon other governmental units,
22 and to provide for the management of the same. The county
23 board may establish rates to be paid by persons seeking
24 care and treatment in such hospital or home in accordance
25 with their financial ability to meet such charges, either
26 personally or through a hospital plan or hospital

1 insurance, and the rates to be paid by governmental units,
2 including the State, for the care of sick, chronically ill
3 or infirm persons admitted therein upon the request of such
4 governmental units. Any hospital maintained by a county
5 under this Section is authorized to provide any service and
6 enter into any contract or other arrangement not prohibited
7 for a hospital that is licensed under the Hospital
8 Licensing Act, incorporated under the General
9 Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, and exempt from taxation
10 under paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of Section 501 of the
11 Internal Revenue Code.

12 7. To contribute such sums of money toward erecting,
13 building, maintaining, and supporting any non-sectarian
14 public hospital located within its limits as the county
15 board of the county shall deem proper.

16 8. To purchase and hold real estate for the
17 preservation of forests, prairies and other natural areas
18 and to maintain and regulate the use thereof.

19 9. To purchase and hold real estate for the purpose of
20 preserving historical spots in the county, to restore,
21 maintain and regulate the use thereof and to donate any
22 historical spot to the State.

23 10. To appropriate funds from the county treasury to be
24 used in any manner to be determined by the board for the
25 suppression, eradication and control of tuberculosis among
26 domestic cattle in such county.

1 11. To take all necessary measures to prevent forest
2 fires and encourage the maintenance and planting of trees
3 and the preservation of forests.

4 12. To authorize the closing on Saturday mornings of
5 all offices of all county officers at the county seat of
6 each county, and to otherwise regulate and fix the days and
7 the hours of opening and closing of such offices, except
8 when the days and the hours of opening and closing of the
9 office of any county officer are otherwise fixed by law;
10 but the power herein conferred shall not apply to the
11 office of State's Attorney and the offices of judges and
12 clerks of courts and, in counties of 500,000 or more
13 population, the offices of county clerk.

14 13. To provide for the conservation, preservation and
15 propagation of insectivorous birds through the expenditure
16 of funds provided for such purpose.

17 14. To appropriate funds from the county treasury and
18 expend the same for care and treatment of tuberculosis
19 residents.

20 15. In counties having less than 1,000,000
21 inhabitants, to take all necessary or proper steps for the
22 extermination of mosquitoes, flies or other insects within
23 the county.

24 16. To install an adequate system of accounts and
25 financial records in the offices and divisions of the
26 county, suitable to the needs of the office and in

1 accordance with generally accepted principles of
2 accounting for governmental bodies, which system may
3 include such reports as the county board may determine.

4 17. To purchase and hold real estate for the
5 construction and maintenance of motor vehicle parking
6 facilities for persons using county buildings, but the
7 purchase and use of such real estate shall not be for
8 revenue producing purposes.

9 18. To acquire and hold title to real property located
10 within the county, or partly within and partly outside the
11 county by dedication, purchase, gift, legacy or lease, for
12 park and recreational purposes and to charge reasonable
13 fees for the use of or admission to any such park or
14 recreational area and to provide police protection for such
15 park or recreational area. Personnel employed to provide
16 such police protection shall be conservators of the peace
17 within such park or recreational area and shall have power
18 to make arrests on view of the offense or upon warrants for
19 violation of any of the ordinances governing such park or
20 recreational area or for any breach of the peace in the
21 same manner as the police in municipalities organized and
22 existing under the general laws of the State. All such real
23 property outside the county shall be contiguous to the
24 county and within the boundaries of the State of Illinois.

25 19. To appropriate funds from the county treasury to be
26 used to provide supportive social services designed to

1 prevent the unnecessary institutionalization of elderly
2 residents, or, for operation of, and equipment for, senior
3 citizen centers providing social services to elderly
4 residents.

5 20. To appropriate funds from the county treasury and
6 loan such funds to a county water commission created under
7 the "Water Commission Act", approved June 30, 1984, as now
8 or hereafter amended, in such amounts and upon such terms
9 as the county may determine or the county and the
10 commission may agree. The county shall not under any
11 circumstances be obligated to make such loans. The county
12 shall not be required to charge interest on any such loans.

13 21. To appropriate and expend funds from the county
14 treasury for economic development purposes, including the
15 making of grants to any other governmental entity or
16 commercial enterprise deemed necessary or desirable for
17 the promotion of economic development in the county.

18 22. To lease space on a telecommunications tower to a
19 public or private entity.

20 23. In counties having a population of 100,000 or less
21 and a public building commission organized by the county
22 seat of the county, to cause to be erected or otherwise
23 provided, and to maintain or cause to be maintained,
24 suitable facilities to house students pursuing a
25 post-secondary education at an academic institution
26 located within the county. The county may provide for the

1 management of the facilities.

2 24. To engage in and undertake activities related to
3 and in connection with energy efficiency improvements,
4 renewable energy improvements, and water use improvements,
5 all as defined in the Special Service Area Tax Law,
6 including, but not limited to, green special service area
7 tax financing for energy efficiency improvements,
8 renewable energy improvements, and water use improvements
9 whether on public or private property, under the Special
10 Service Area Tax Law. This item shall be liberally
11 construed to effect the legislative purpose of enabling
12 eligible property owners to make energy efficiency
13 improvements, renewable energy improvements, and water use
14 improvements to or serving the designated properties.

15 All contracts for the purchase of coal under this Section
16 shall be subject to the provisions of "An Act concerning the
17 use of Illinois mined coal in certain plants and institutions",
18 filed July 13, 1937, as amended.

19 (Source: P.A. 95-197, eff. 8-16-07; 95-813, eff. 1-1-09;
20 96-622, eff. 8-24-09.)

21 Section 20. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
22 adding Division 15.4 to Article 11 as follows:

23 (65 ILCS 5/Art. 11 Div. 15.4 heading new)

24 DIVISION 15.4. GREEN SPECIAL SERVICE AREAS

1 (65 ILCS 5/11-15.4-1 new)

2 Sec. 11-15.4-1. Green special service areas. Each
3 municipality shall have the power and authority to engage in
4 and undertake activities related to and in connection with
5 energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements,
6 and water use improvements, all as defined in the Special
7 Service Area Tax Law, including, but not limited to, green
8 special service area tax financing for those energy efficiency
9 improvements, renewable energy improvements, and water use
10 improvements whether on public or private property, under the
11 Special Service Area Tax Law. This Section shall be liberally
12 construed to effect the legislative purpose of enabling
13 property owners to make energy efficiency improvements,
14 renewable energy improvements, or water use improvements to or
15 serving the designated properties.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
17 becoming law."