

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Public Community College Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 3-8 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 805/3-8) (from Ch. 122, par. 103-8)

7 Sec. 3-8. In this Section, "reasonable emergency" means any  
8 imminent need to maintain the operations or facilities of the  
9 community college district and that such need is due to  
10 circumstances beyond the control of the board.

11 Following each election and canvass, the new board shall  
12 hold its organizational meeting on or before the 28th day after  
13 the election. If the election is the initial election ordered  
14 by the regional superintendent, the organizational meeting  
15 shall be convened by the regional superintendent, who shall  
16 preside over the meeting until the election for chairman, vice  
17 chairman and secretary of board is completed. At all other  
18 organizational meetings, the chairman of the board, or, in his  
19 or her absence, the president of the community college or  
20 acting chief executive officer of the college shall convene the  
21 new board, and conduct the election for chairman, vice chairman  
22 and secretary. The board shall then proceed with its  
23 organization under the newly elected board officers, and shall

1 fix a time and place for its regular meetings. It shall then  
2 enter upon the discharge of its duties. Public notice of the  
3 schedule of regular meetings for the next calendar year, as set  
4 at the organizational meeting, must be given at the beginning  
5 of that calendar year. The terms of board office shall be 2  
6 years, except that the board by resolution may establish a  
7 policy for the terms of office to be one year, and provide for  
8 the election of officers for the remaining one year period.  
9 Terms of members are subject to Section 2A-54 of the Election  
10 Code.

11 Beginning 45 days prior to the Tuesday following the first  
12 Monday of April in odd-numbered years until the first  
13 organizational meeting of the new board, no addendum to modify  
14 or amend an employee agreement between a community college  
15 district and the district's president, chancellor, or chief  
16 executive officer may be agreed to or executed, nor may an  
17 employment contract be made and entered into between the board  
18 of an established community college district and a president,  
19 chancellor, or chief executive officer. If the current board  
20 must take such action at any time during the 45 days prior to  
21 the Tuesday following the first Monday of April in odd-numbered  
22 years until the first organizational meeting of the new board  
23 due to a reasonable emergency, then that action shall be  
24 terminated on the 60th day after the first organizational  
25 meeting, unless the new board, by resolution, reaffirms the  
26 agreed-upon addendum or new employment contract.

1           Special meetings of the board may be called by the chairman  
2           or by any 3 members of the board by giving notice thereof in  
3           writing stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting.  
4           Such notice may be served by mail 48 hours before the meeting  
5           or by personal service 24 hours before the meeting.

6           At each regular and special meeting which is open to the  
7           public, members of the public and employees of the community  
8           college district shall be afforded time, subject to reasonable  
9           constraints, to comment to or ask questions of the board.

10          (Source: P.A. 95-116, eff. 8-13-07; 95-791, eff. 8-8-08.)