

1 AN ACT concerning higher 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
5 by changing Sections 3-7 and 3-8 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 805/3-7) (from Ch. 122, par. 103-7)

7 Sec. 3-7. The election of the members of the board of
8 trustees shall be nonpartisan and shall be held at the time
9 and in the manner provided in the general election law.

10 Unless otherwise provided in this Act, members shall be
11 elected to serve 6 year terms. The term of members elected
12 in 1985 and thereafter shall be from the date the member is
13 officially determined to be elected to the board by a canvass
14 conducted pursuant to the Election Code, to the date that the
15 winner of the seat is officially determined by the canvass
16 conducted pursuant to the Election Code the next time the
17 seat on the board is to be filled by election.

18 A board of trustees of a community college district which
19 is contiguous or has been contiguous to an experimental
20 community college district as authorized and defined by
21 Article IV of this Act may, on its own motion, or shall, upon
22 the petition of the lesser of 1/10 or 2,000 of the voters
23 registered in the district, order submitted to the voters of
24 the district at the next general election the proposition for
25 the election of board members by trustee district rather than
26 at large, and such proposition shall thereupon be certified
27 by the secretary of the board to the proper election
28 authority in accordance with the general election law for
29 submission.

30 If the proposition is approved by a majority of those
31 voting on the proposition, the State Board of Elections, in

1 1991, shall reapportion the trustee districts to reflect the
2 results of the last decennial census, and shall divide the
3 community college district into 7 trustee districts, each of
4 which shall be compact, contiguous and substantially equal in
5 population to each other district. In 2001, and in the year
6 following each decennial census thereafter, the board of
7 trustees of community college District #522 shall reapportion
8 the trustee districts to reflect the results of the census,
9 and shall divide the community college district into 7
10 trustee districts, each of which shall be compact,
11 contiguous, and substantially equal in population to each
12 other district. The division of the community college
13 district into trustee districts shall be completed and
14 formally approved ~~by a majority of the members appointed to~~
15 ~~the State Board of Elections with respect to the initial~~
16 ~~division of the community college district into 7 trustee~~
17 ~~districts in 1991,~~ and by a majority of the members of the
18 board of trustees of community college District #522 in 2001
19 and in with respect to the year following each decennial
20 census thereafter, ~~not less than 60 days before the last date~~
21 ~~established by the general election law for the submission of~~
22 ~~nominating petitions for the next regularly scheduled~~
23 ~~election for community college trustees.~~ At the same meeting
24 of the board of trustees, the board shall, publicly by lot,
25 divide the trustee districts as equally as possible into 2
26 groups. Beginning in 2003 and every 10 years thereafter,
27 trustees or their successors from one group shall be elected
28 for successive terms of 4 years and 6 years; and members or
29 their successors from the second group shall be elected for
30 successive terms of 6 years and 4 years. One member shall be
31 elected from each such trustee district. Each member elected
32 in 2001 shall be elected at the 2001 consolidated election
33 from the trustee districts established in 1991. The term of
34 each member elected in 2001 shall end on the date that the

1 trustees elected in 2003 are officially determined by a
2 canvass conducted pursuant to the Election Code.

3 Each member must on the date of his election be a citizen
4 of the United States, of the age of 18 years or over, and a
5 resident of the State and the territory which on the date of
6 the election is included in the community college district
7 for at least one year immediately preceding his election. In
8 the event a person who is a member of a common school board
9 is elected or appointed to a board of trustees of a community
10 college district, that person shall be permitted to serve the
11 remainder of his or her term of office as a member of the
12 common school board. Upon the expiration of the common school
13 board term, that person shall not be eligible for election or
14 appointment to a common school board during the term of
15 office with the community college district board of trustees.

16 Whenever a vacancy occurs, the remaining members shall
17 fill the vacancy, and the person so appointed shall serve
18 until a successor is elected at the next regular election for
19 board members and is certified in accordance with Sections
20 22-17 and 22-18 of the Election Code. If the remaining
21 members fail so to act within 60 days after the vacancy
22 occurs, the chairman of the State Board shall fill that
23 vacancy, and the person so appointed shall serve until a
24 successor is elected at the next regular election for board
25 members and is certified in accordance with Sections 22-17
26 and 22-18 of the Election Code. The person appointed to fill
27 the vacancy shall have the same residential qualifications as
28 his predecessor in office was required to have. In either
29 instance, if the vacancy occurs with less than 4 months
30 remaining before the next scheduled consolidated election,
31 and the term of office of the board member vacating the
32 position is not scheduled to expire at that election, then
33 the term of the person so appointed shall extend through that
34 election and until the succeeding consolidated election. If

1 the term of office of the board member vacating the position
2 is scheduled to expire at the upcoming consolidated election,
3 the appointed member shall serve only until a successor is
4 elected and qualified at that election.

5 Members of the board shall serve without compensation but
6 shall be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses incurred in
7 connection with their service as members. Compensation, for
8 purposes of this Section, means any salary or other benefits
9 not expressly authorized by this Act to be provided or paid
10 to, for or on behalf of members of the board. The board of
11 each community college district may adopt a policy providing
12 for the issuance of bank credit cards, for use by any board
13 member who requests the same in writing and agrees to use the
14 card only for the reasonable expenses which he or she incurs
15 in connection with his or her service as a board member.
16 Expenses charged to such credit cards shall be accounted for
17 separately and shall be submitted to the chief financial
18 officer of the district for review prior to being reported to
19 the board at its next regular meeting.

20 Except in an election of the initial board for a new
21 community college district created pursuant to Section 6-6.1,
22 the ballot for the election of members of the board for a
23 community college district shall indicate the length of term
24 for each office to be filled. In the election of a board for
25 any community college district, the ballot shall not contain
26 any political party designation.

27 (Source: P.A. 90-358, eff. 1-1-98.)

28 (110 ILCS 805/3-8) (from Ch. 122, par. 103-8)

29 Sec. 3-8. Following each election and canvass, the new
30 board shall hold its organizational meeting on or before the
31 14th day after the election, except that in 1999, 2001, and
32 2003 (except District #522) the board shall organize within
33 14 days after the first Tuesday after the first Monday of

1 November in each of those 3 years. In 2003 in District #522,
2 the new board shall hold its organizational meeting on or
3 before the 14th day after the consolidated election. If the
4 election is the initial election ordered by the regional
5 superintendent, the organizational meeting shall be convened
6 by the regional superintendent, who shall preside over the
7 meeting until the election for chairman, vice chairman and
8 secretary of board is completed. At all other organizational
9 meetings, the chairman of the board, or, in his or her
10 absence, the president of the community college or acting
11 chief executive officer of the college shall convene the new
12 board, and conduct the election for chairman, vice chairman
13 and secretary. The board shall then proceed with its
14 organization under the newly elected board officers, and
15 shall fix a time and place for its regular meetings. It
16 shall then enter upon the discharge of its duties. The terms
17 of board office shall be 2 years, except that the board by
18 resolution may establish a policy for the terms of office to
19 be one year, and provide for the election of officers for the
20 remaining one year period. Terms of members are subject to
21 Section 2A-54 of the Election Code.

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

28 At each regular and special meeting which is open to the
29 public, members of the public and employees of the community
30 college district shall be afforded time, subject to
31 reasonable constraints, to comment to or ask questions of the
32 board.

33 (Source: P.A. 90-358, eff. 1-1-98; 90-814, eff. 2-4-99.)

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.