

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 than 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.