

AN ACT concerning local government.

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

Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing Section 5-1133 as follows:

(55 ILCS 5/5-1133)

Sec. 5-1133. Counties of greater than 300,000 but less than 2,000,000; reporting of information; code of conduct for county appointees.

(a) A county board in a county with a population greater than 300,000 but less than 2,000,000 may by ordinance require any unit of local government or agency to which the county board chairman or county executive nominates and the county board confirms a majority of member appointments to provide the county with detailed information, including, but not limited to, the unit's or agency's finances, budget, contracts, employment, and ethics policies, in the manner and with the frequency specified by the ordinance. The ordinance may require the unit of local government or agency to immediately disclose to the county any internal or external findings of non-compliance with any law or regulation involving the unit of local government or agency and its personnel.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a

county board may by ordinance adopt a code of conduct regarding the fiscal responsibility and procurement authority, as required by State law, local ordinance, or county board policy, as well as the accountability, transparency, and ethical conduct of county appointees, in addition to those requirements mandated by law for and applicable to the appointees to any unit of local government, agency, or commission for which the county board chairman, county executive, or county board serves as the appointing authority. The ordinance may provide that good cause for removing an appointee is established when an appointee violates the code of conduct. Appointees appointed by a county board chairman or county executive, with or without the consent of the county board, may be removed from office for violating the code of conduct by the county board chairman or county executive with concurrence by a 2/3 majority vote of the county board. The appointee shall be provided reasonable notice of the violation and a hearing before the county board or its designee prior to the vote. Appointees appointed by the county board may be removed by a 2/3 majority vote of the county board for violating the code of conduct after providing the appointee with reasonable notice of the violation and a hearing before the county board or its designee.

(c) The provisions of this Section do not apply to the removal of county superintendent of highways or county engineer as provided under Section 5-203 of the Illinois Highway Code.

(Source: P.A. 97-84, eff. 7-6-11.)