

1 AN ACT to amend the Illinois State Collection Act of 1986
2 by changing Section 8.

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

5 Section 5. The Illinois State Collection Act of 1986 is
6 amended by changing Section 8 as follows:

7 (30 ILCS 210/8) (from Ch. 15, par. 158)

8 Sec. 8. Debt Collection Board. There is created a Debt
9 Collection Board consisting of the Director of Central
10 Management Services as chairman, the State Comptroller, and
11 the Attorney General, or their respective designees. The
12 Board shall establish a centralized collections service to
13 undertake further collection efforts on delinquent accounts
14 or claims of the State that ~~whieh~~ have not been collected
15 through the reasonable efforts of the respective State
16 agencies. The Board shall promulgate rules and regulations
17 pursuant to the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act with
18 regard to the establishment of timetables and the assumption
19 of responsibility for agency accounts receivable that have
20 not been collected by the agency, are not subject to a
21 current repayment plan, or have not been certified as
22 uncollectible as of the date specified by the Board. The
23 Board shall make a final evaluation of those accounts and
24 either (i) direct or conduct further collection activities
25 when further collection efforts are in the best economic
26 interest of the State or (ii) in accordance with Section 2 of
27 the Uncollected State Claims Act, certify the receivable as
28 uncollectible or submit the account to the Attorney General
29 for that certification.

30 The Board is empowered to adopt rules and regulations
31 subject to the provisions of the Illinois Administrative

1 Procedure Act.

2 The Board is empowered to enter into one or more
3 contracts with outside vendors with demonstrated capabilities
4 in the area of account collection. The contracts shall be
5 let on the basis of competitive proposals secured from
6 responsible proposers. The Board may require that vendors be
7 prequalified. All contracts shall provide for a contingent
8 fee based on the age, nature, amount, and type of delinquent
9 account. The Board may adopt a reasonable classification
10 schedule for the various receivables. The contractor shall
11 remit the amount collected, net of the contingent fee, to the
12 respective State agency which shall deposit the net amount
13 received into the fund that would have received the receipt
14 had it been collected by the State agency. No portion of the
15 collections shall be deposited into an Accounts Receivable
16 Fund established under Section 6 of this Act. The Board
17 shall act only upon the unanimous vote of its members.

18 (Source: P.A. 89-511, eff. 1-1-97.)