

1 AN ACT in relation to county officers.

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

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 2-4006.5 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/2-4006.5)

7 Sec. 2-4006.5. Commissioners in certain counties.

8 (a) If a county elects 3 commissioners at large under  
9 Section 2-4006, registered voters of such county may, by a  
10 vote of a majority of those voting on such proposition,  
11 determine to change the method of electing the board of  
12 county commissioners by electing either 3 or 5 members from  
13 single member districts. In order for such question to be  
14 placed upon the ballot, such petition must contain the  
15 signatures of not fewer than 10% of the registered voters of  
16 such county.

17 Commissioners may not be elected from single member  
18 districts until the question of electing either 3 or 5  
19 commissioners from single member districts has been submitted  
20 to the electors of the county at a regular election and  
21 approved by a majority of the electors voting on the  
22 question. The commissioners must certify the question to the  
23 proper election authority, which must submit the question at  
24 an election in accordance with the Election Code.

25 The question must be in substantially the following form:

26 Shall the board of county commissioners of (name of  
27 county) consist of (insert either 3 or 5) commissioners  
28 elected from single member districts?

29 The votes must be recorded as "Yes" or "No".

30 If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote  
31 in the affirmative, a 3-member or 5-member board of county

1 commissioners, as the case may be, shall be established to be  
2 elected from single member districts.

3 (b) If the voters of the county decide to elect either 3  
4 or 5 commissioners from single member districts, the board of  
5 county commissioners shall on or before August 31 of the year  
6 following the 2000 federal decennial census divide the county  
7 into either 3 or 5 compact and contiguous county commission  
8 districts that are substantially equal in population. On or  
9 before May 31 of the year following each federal decennial  
10 census thereafter, the board of county commissioners shall  
11 reapportion the county commission districts to be compact,  
12 contiguous, and substantially equal in population.

13 (c) The commissioners elected at large at or before the  
14 general election in 2000 shall continue to serve until the  
15 expiration of their terms. Of those commissioners, the  
16 commissioner whose term expires in 2002 shall be assigned to  
17 district 1; the commissioner whose term expires in 2004 shall  
18 be assigned to district 2; and the commissioner whose term  
19 expires in 2006 shall be assigned to district 3.

20 (d) If the voters of the county decide to elect 5  
21 commissioners from single member districts, at the general  
22 election in 2002, one commissioner from each of districts 1,  
23 4, and 5 shall be elected. At the general election in 2004,  
24 one commissioner from each of districts 1, 2, and 5 shall be  
25 elected. At the general election in 2006, one commissioner  
26 from each of districts 2, 3, and 4 shall be elected. At the  
27 general election in 2008, one commissioner from each of  
28 districts 1, 3, and 5 shall be elected. At the general  
29 election in 2010, one commissioner from each of districts 2  
30 and 4 shall be elected. At the general election in 2012,  
31 commissioners from each district shall be elected.  
32 Thereafter, commissioners shall be elected at each general  
33 election to fill expired terms.

34 In the year following the decennial census of 2010 and

1 every 10 years thereafter, the commissioners, publicly by  
2 lot, shall divide the districts into 2 groups. One group  
3 shall serve terms of 4 years, 4 years, and 2 years and one  
4 group shall serve terms of 2 years, 4 years, and 4 years.

5 (e) Each county commissioner elected or appointed in  
6 2002 or thereafter and each candidate for county commissioner  
7 at the general election in 2002 or thereafter must reside in  
8 the district that he or she represents or is seeking to  
9 represent and must have resided in that district for at least  
10 2 years before the date of the general election or, in the  
11 case of an appointment to fill a vacancy, at least 2 years  
12 before the date of the appointment.

13 (Source: P.A. 91-846, eff. 6-22-00.)

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
15 becoming law.