

1 AN ACT in relation to forest preserve districts.

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

4 Section 5. The Forest Preserve Zoological Parks Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 1 and 2 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 835/1) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6801)

7 Sec. 1. The corporate authorities of forest preserve
8 districts, containing a population of 140,000 ~~150,000~~ or more
9 located in counties of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants,
10 having the control or supervision of any forest preserves,
11 may erect and maintain within such forest preserves, under
12 the control or supervision of such corporate authorities,
13 edifices to be used for the collection and display of animals
14 as customary in zoological parks, and may collect and display
15 such animals, or permit the directors or trustees of any
16 zoological society devoted to the purposes aforesaid to erect
17 and maintain a zoological park and to collect and display
18 zoological collections within any forest preserve now or
19 hereafter under the control or supervision of such forest
20 preserve district, out of funds belonging to such zoological
21 society, or to contract with the directors or trustees of any
22 zoological society on such terms and conditions as may to
23 such corporate authorities seem best, relative to the
24 erection, operation and maintenance of a zoological park and
25 the collection and display of such animals within such forest
26 preserve, out of the tax hereinafter in this Act provided.

27 This Act applies to any forest preserve district that
28 maintains a zoological park that was established under this
29 Act prior to 1964, regardless of whether the population
30 requirements continue to be met.

31 Such a forest preserve district, or the directors or

1 trustees of such zoological society when so authorized by the
2 forest preserve district, may (a) police the property of the
3 zoological park, (b) employ, establish, maintain and equip a
4 security force for fire and police protection of the
5 zoological park and (c) provide that the personnel of the
6 security force shall perform other tasks relating to the
7 maintenance and operation of the zoological park. Members of
8 the security force shall be conservators of the peace with
9 all the powers of policemen in cities and of sheriffs, other
10 than to serve or execute civil processes, but such powers may
11 be exercised only within the area comprising the zoological
12 park when required to protect the zoological park's property
13 and interests, its personnel and persons using the facilities
14 or at the specific request of appropriate federal, State or
15 local law enforcement officials.

16 Such forest preserve district may charge, or permit such
17 zoological society to charge an admission fee. The proceeds
18 of such admission fee shall be devoted exclusively to the
19 operation and maintenance of such zoological park and the
20 collections therein. All such zoological parks shall be open
21 to the public without charge for at least one day each week
22 and to the children in actual attendance upon any of the
23 schools in the State at all times, except that charges may be
24 made at any time for special services and for admission to
25 special facilities within any zoological park for the
26 education, entertainment or convenience of visitors.

27 (Source: P.A. 91-817, eff. 6-13-00.)

28 (70 ILCS 835/2) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6802)

29 Sec. 2. For the purpose of constructing and maintaining
30 and caring for any such zoological park and the buildings and
31 grounds thereof and of securing and displaying zoological
32 collections thereon the corporate authorities of any forest
33 preserve district containing a population of 150,000 or more

1 but less than 3,000,000 are authorized to levy annually a tax
2 of not to exceed .0058% of value as equalized or assessed by
3 the Department of Revenue, upon all the taxable property in
4 the district; provided however, in a forest preserve district
5 located in a county with a population in excess of 140,000
6 ~~150,000~~ but less than 200,000 and contiguous to the
7 Mississippi River, the annual tax may be at a rate not to
8 exceed .01%. This tax shall be levied and collected in the
9 same manner as the general taxes of the forest preserve
10 district and shall be in addition to the maximum of all other
11 taxes and tax rates which the district is now or may
12 hereafter be authorized to levy upon the aggregate valuation
13 of all taxable property within the district and shall be
14 exclusive of and in addition to the maximum amount and rate
15 of taxes the district is now or may hereafter be authorized
16 to levy for general purposes under Section 13 of "An Act to
17 provide for the creation and management of forest preserve
18 districts and repealing certain Acts therein named", approved
19 June 27, 1913, as amended, or under any other law which may
20 limit the amount of tax which the district may levy for
21 general purposes. The proceeds of the tax herein authorized
22 shall be kept as a separate fund.

23 (Source: P.A. 85-1352.)

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
25 becoming law.