

1 AN ACT concerning townships.

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

4 Section 5. The Township Code is amended by changing
5 Section 235-20 as follows:

6 (60 ILCS 1/235-20)

7 Sec. 235-20. General assistance tax.

8 (a) The township board may raise money by taxation
9 deemed necessary to be expended to provide general assistance
10 in the township to persons needing that assistance as
11 provided in the Illinois Public Aid Code, including persons
12 eligible for assistance under the Military Veterans
13 Assistance Act, where that duty is provided by law. The tax
14 for each fiscal year shall not be more than 0.10% of value,
15 or more than an amount approved at a referendum held under
16 this Section, as equalized or assessed by the Department of
17 Revenue, and shall in no case exceed the amount needed in the
18 township for general assistance.

19 (b) If the board desires to increase the maximum tax
20 rate, it shall order a referendum on that proposition to be
21 held at an election in accordance with the general election
22 law. The board shall certify the proposition to the proper
23 election officials, who shall submit the proposition to the
24 voters at an election in accordance with the general election
25 law. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition is
26 in favor of the proposition, the board may annually levy the
27 tax at a rate not exceeding the higher rate approved by the
28 voters at the election.

29 (c) If a city, village, or incorporated town having a
30 population of more than 500,000 is located within or
31 partially within a township, then the entire amount of the

1 tax levied by the township for the purpose of providing
2 general assistance under this Section on property lying
3 within that city, village, or incorporated town, less the
4 amount allowed for collecting the tax, shall be paid over by
5 the treasurer of the township to the treasurer of the city,
6 village, or incorporated town to be appropriated and used by
7 the city, village, or incorporated town for the relief and
8 support of persons needing general assistance residing in
9 that portion of the city, village, or incorporated town
10 located within the township in accordance with the Illinois
11 Public Aid Code.

12 (d) Any taxes levied for general assistance before or
13 after this Section takes effect may also be used for the
14 payment of warrants issued against and in anticipation of
15 those taxes and accrued interest on those warrants and may
16 also be used to pay the cost of administering that
17 assistance.

18 (e) In any township with a population of less than
19 500,000 that receives no State funding for the general
20 assistance program and that has not issued anticipation
21 warrants or otherwise borrowed monies for the administration
22 of the general assistance program during the township's
23 previous 3 fiscal years of operation, a one time transfer of
24 monies from the township's general assistance fund may be
25 made to the general township fund pursuant to action by the
26 township board. This transfer may occur only to the extent
27 that the amount of monies remaining in the general assistance
28 fund after the transfer is equal to the greater of (i) the
29 amount of the township's expenditures in the previous fiscal
30 year for general assistance or (ii) an amount equal to either
31 0.10% of the last known total equalized value of all taxable
32 property in the township, or 100% of the highest amount
33 levied for general assistance purposes in any of the three
34 previous fiscal years. The transfer shall be completed no

1 later than one year after the effective date of this
2 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly the-end-of-fiscal
3 year-1992. No township that has certified a new levy or an
4 increase in the levy under this Section during calendar year
5 2002 ~~1990~~ may transfer monies under this subsection. No
6 action on the transfer of monies under this subsection shall
7 be taken by the township board except at a township board
8 meeting. No monies transferred under this subsection shall be
9 considered in determining whether the township qualifies for
10 State funds to supplement local funds for public aid purposes
11 under Section 12-21.13 of the Illinois Public Aid Code.
12 (Source: P.A. 86-1379; 86-1480; 87-14; 87-895; 88-62.)

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