

1 AN ACT concerning counties.

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 adding
5 Section 5-1085.5 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-1085.5 new)

7 Sec. 5-1085.5. Homicide and questionable death protocol.
8 Each county, except home rule counties, must establish a
9 written protocol to deal with homicides and questionable
10 deaths. The protocol must be promulgated by the Coroner,
11 Sheriff, State's Attorney, all fire departments and fire
12 protection districts located in the county, and all police
13 departments located in the county. The protocol must include
14 at least the following:

15 (a) the types of deaths that fall under the scope of the
16 protocol;

17 (b) the agencies concerned with the death;

18 (c) the area of responsibility for each agency regarding
19 the death; and

20 (d) uniform procedures concerning homicides and
21 questionable deaths.

22 If, prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of
23 the 92nd General Assembly, a county has established a written
24 protocol that was agreed to by the agencies specified in this
25 Section to deal with homicides and questionable deaths, then
26 that protocol is deemed to satisfy the requirements of this
27 Section.