

1 AN ACT concerning taxes.

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

4 Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 18-165 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 200/18-165)

7 Sec. 18-165. Abatement of taxes.

8 (a) Any taxing district, upon a majority vote of its  
9 governing authority, may, after the determination of the  
10 assessed valuation of its property, order the clerk of that  
11 county to abate any portion of its taxes on the following  
12 types of property:

13 (1) Commercial and industrial.

14 (A) The property of any commercial or  
15 industrial firm, including but not limited to the  
16 property of any firm that is used for collecting,  
17 separating, storing, or processing recyclable  
18 materials, locating within the taxing district  
19 during the immediately preceding year from another  
20 state, territory, or country, or having been newly  
21 created within this State during the immediately  
22 preceding year, or expanding an existing facility.  
23 The abatement shall not exceed a period of 10 years  
24 and the aggregate amount of abated taxes for all  
25 taxing districts combined shall not exceed  
26 \$4,000,000; or

27 (B) The property of any commercial or  
28 industrial development of at least 500 acres having  
29 been created within the taxing district. The  
30 abatement shall not exceed a period of 20 years and  
31 the aggregate amount of abated taxes for all taxing

1 districts combined shall not exceed \$12,000,000.

2 (C) The property of any commercial or  
3 industrial firm currently located in the taxing  
4 district that expands a facility or its number of  
5 employees. The abatement shall not exceed a period  
6 of 10 years and the aggregate amount of abated taxes  
7 for all taxing districts combined shall not exceed  
8 \$4,000,000. The abatement period may be renewed at  
9 the option of the taxing districts.

10 (2) Horse racing. Any property in the taxing  
11 district which is used for the racing of horses and upon  
12 which capital improvements consisting of expansion,  
13 improvement or replacement of existing facilities have  
14 been made since July 1, 1987. The combined abatements  
15 for such property from all taxing districts in any county  
16 shall not exceed \$5,000,000 annually and shall not exceed  
17 a period of 10 years.

18 (3) Auto racing. Any property designed exclusively  
19 for the racing of motor vehicles. Such abatement shall  
20 not exceed a period of 10 years.

21 (4) Academic or research institute. The property  
22 of any academic or research institute in the taxing  
23 district that (i) is an exempt organization under  
24 paragraph (3) of Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue  
25 Code, (ii) operates for the benefit of the public by  
26 actually and exclusively performing scientific research  
27 and making the results of the research available to the  
28 interested public on a non-discriminatory basis, and  
29 (iii) employs more than 100 employees. An abatement  
30 granted under this paragraph shall be for at least 15  
31 years and the aggregate amount of abated taxes for all  
32 taxing districts combined shall not exceed \$5,000,000.

33 (5) Housing for older persons. Any property in the  
34 taxing district that is devoted exclusively to affordable

1 housing for older households. For purposes of this  
2 paragraph, "older households" means those households (i)  
3 living in housing provided under any State or federal  
4 program that the Department of Human Rights determines is  
5 specifically designed and operated to assist elderly  
6 persons and is solely occupied by persons 55 years of age  
7 or older and (ii) whose annual income does not exceed 80%  
8 of the area gross median income, adjusted for family  
9 size, as such gross income and median income are  
10 determined from time to time by the United States  
11 Department of Housing and Urban Development. The  
12 abatement shall not exceed a period of 15 years, and the  
13 aggregate amount of abated taxes for all taxing districts  
14 shall not exceed \$3,000,000.

15 (6) Historical society. For assessment years 1998  
16 through 2003 2000, the property of an historical society  
17 qualifying as an exempt organization under Section  
18 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code.

19 (7) Recreational facilities. Any property in the  
20 taxing district (i) that is used for a municipal airport,  
21 (ii) that is subject to a leasehold assessment under  
22 Section 9-195 of this Code and (iii) which is sublet from  
23 a park district that is leasing the property from a  
24 municipality, but only if the property is used  
25 exclusively for recreational facilities or for parking  
26 lots used exclusively for those facilities. The  
27 abatement shall not exceed a period of 10 years.

28 (b) Upon a majority vote of its governing authority, any  
29 municipality may, after the determination of the assessed  
30 valuation of its property, order the county clerk to abate  
31 any portion of its taxes on any property that is located  
32 within the corporate limits of the municipality in accordance  
33 with Section 8-3-18 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

34 (Source: P.A. 90-46, eff. 7-3-97; 90-415, eff. 8-15-97;

1 90-568, eff. 1-1-99; 90-655, eff. 7-30-98; 91-644, eff.  
2 8-20-99; 91-885, eff. 7-6-00.)

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
4 becoming law.