

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 932

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 932 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing
5 Section 7-2a as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/7-2a) (from Ch. 122, par. 7-2a)

7 Sec. 7-2a. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of
8 this Section, any petition for dissolution filed under this
9 Article must specify the school district or districts to
10 which all of the territory of the district proposed to be
11 dissolved will be annexed. Any petition for dissolution may
12 be made by the board of education of the district or a
13 majority of the legal voters residing in the district
14 proposed to be dissolved. No petition from any other
15 district affected by the proposed dissolution shall be
16 required.

17 (b) Any school district with a population of less than
18 5,000 residents shall be dissolved and its territory annexed
19 as provided in Section 7-11 by the regional board of school
20 trustees upon the filing with the regional board of school
21 trustees of a petition adopted by resolution of the board of
22 education or--a--petition--signed--by--a--majority--of--the

1 registered-voters of the district seeking such dissolution.
2 If a petition is initiated by two-thirds of the registered
3 voters in a school district seeking to annex the district in
4 its entirety to another school district or districts and the
5 board of education of the annexing district or districts has
6 not adopted a resolution agreeing to the annexation, then the
7 annexation, if approved by the regional board of school
8 trustees, is not effective until it is approved by the voters
9 in each affected school district at an election held for the
10 purpose of voting on the question. No petition shall be
11 adopted or signed under this subsection until the board of
12 education or the petitioners, as the case may be, shall have
13 given at least 10 days' notice to be published once in a
14 newspaper having general circulation in the district and
15 shall have conducted a public informational meeting to inform
16 the residents of the district of the proposed dissolution and
17 to answer questions concerning the proposed dissolution. The
18 petition shall be filed with and decided solely by the
19 regional board of school trustees of the region in which the
20 regional superintendent of schools has supervision of the
21 school district being dissolved. The regional board of
22 school trustees shall not act on a petition filed by a board
23 of education if within 45 days after giving notice of the
24 hearing required under Section 7-11 a petition in opposition
25 to the petition of the board to dissolve, signed by a
26 majority of the registered voters of the district, is filed
27 with the regional board of school trustees. The regional
28 board of school trustees shall have no authority to deny
29 dissolution requested in a proper petition for dissolution
30 filed under this subsection (b), but shall conduct a hearing
31 to determine the validity of the petition ~~exercise-its~~
32 ~~discretion-in-accordance-with-Section-7-11-on--the--issue--of~~
33 ~~annexing--the-territory-of-a-district-being-dissolved,-giving~~
34 ~~consideration-to-but-not-being-bound-by-the-wishes--expressed~~

1 by--the-residents-of-the-various-school-districts-that-may-be
2 affected-by-such-annexation.

3 When dissolution and annexation become effective for
4 purposes of administration and attendance as determined
5 pursuant to Section 7-11, the positions of teachers in
6 contractual continued service in the district being dissolved
7 are transferred to an annexing district or to annexing
8 districts pursuant to the provisions of Section 24-12
9 relative to teachers having contractual continued service
10 status whose positions are transferred from one board to the
11 control of a different board, and those said provisions of
12 Section 24-12 shall apply to said transferred teachers. In
13 the event that the territory is added to 2 or more districts,
14 the decision on which positions shall be transferred to which
15 annexing districts shall be made giving consideration to the
16 proportionate percent of pupils transferred and the annexing
17 districts' staffing needs, and the transfer of specific
18 individuals into such positions shall be based upon the
19 request of those teachers in order of seniority in the
20 dissolving district. The contractual continued service
21 status of any teacher thereby transferred to an annexing
22 district is not lost and the different board is subject to
23 this Act with respect to such transferred teacher in the same
24 manner as if such teacher was that district's employee and
25 had been its employee during the time such teacher was
26 actually employed by the board of the dissolving district
27 from which the position was transferred.

28 (Source: P.A. 86-13; 87-1215.)".