

1 AN ACT concerning the functions of the State Board of  
2 Education.

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

5 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing  
6 Section 1A-1 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/1A-1) (from Ch. 122, par. 1A-1)

8 Sec. 1A-1. State Board of Education; members and terms.

9 (a) The term of each member of the State Board of  
10 Education who is in office on the effective date of this  
11 amendatory Act of 1996 shall terminate on January 1, 1997 or  
12 when all of the new members initially to be appointed under  
13 this amendatory Act of 1996 are appointed by the Governor as  
14 provided in subsection (b), whichever last occurs.

15 (b) Beginning on January 1, 1997 or when all of the new  
16 members initially to be appointed under this subsection are  
17 appointed by the Governor, whichever last occurs, and  
18 thereafter, the State Board of Education shall consist of 9  
19 members, who shall be appointed by the Governor with the  
20 advice and consent of the Senate from a pattern of regional  
21 representation as follows: 2 appointees shall be selected  
22 from among those counties of the State other than Cook County  
23 and the 5 counties contiguous to Cook County; 2 appointees  
24 shall be selected from Cook County, one of whom shall be a  
25 resident of the City of Chicago and one of whom shall be a  
26 resident of that part of Cook County which lies outside the  
27 city limits of Chicago; 2 appointees shall be selected from  
28 among the 5 counties of the State that are contiguous to Cook  
29 County; and 3 members shall be selected as members-at-large.  
30 At no time may more than 5 members of the Board be from one  
31 political party. Party membership is defined as having voted

1 in the primary of the party in the last primary before  
2 appointment. The 9 members initially appointed pursuant to  
3 this amendatory Act of 1996 shall draw lots to determine 3 of  
4 their number who shall serve until the second Wednesday of  
5 January, 2003, 3 of their number who shall serve until the  
6 second Wednesday of January, 2001, and 3 of their number who  
7 shall serve until the second Wednesday of January, 1999.  
8 Upon expiration of the terms of the members initially  
9 appointed under this amendatory Act of 1996, their respective  
10 successors shall be appointed for terms of 6 years, from the  
11 second Wednesday in January of each odd numbered year and  
12 until their respective successors are appointed and  
13 qualified. Vacancies in terms shall be filled by appointment  
14 by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for  
15 the extent of the unexpired term. If a vacancy in membership  
16 occurs at a time when the Senate is not in session, the  
17 Governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next  
18 meeting of the Senate, when the Governor shall appoint a  
19 person to fill that membership for the remainder of its term.  
20 If the Senate is not in session when appointments for a full  
21 term are made, the appointments shall be made as in the case  
22 of vacancies.  
23 (Source: P.A. 89-610, eff. 8-6-96.)