

AN ACT concerning libraries.

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

Section 5. The Public Library District Act of 1991 is amended by changing Sections 15-5 and 15-15 as follows:

(75 ILCS 16/15-5)

Sec. 15-5. Annexation of contiguous territory. Territory outside of any district but contiguous to the district may be annexed as provided in Sections 15-10 through 15-45, and each of these Sections constitutes an independent authorization for the annexation of contiguous territory.

(Source: P.A. 87-1277.)

(75 ILCS 16/15-15)

Sec. 15-15. Territory included within municipality or school district.

(a) A district may, by ordinance, annex territory if that territory is:

(1) located within the boundaries of a municipality or school district that is included, entirely or partially, within the district;

(2) contiguous to the district; and

(3) without local, tax-supported public library service.

An ordinance under this subsection must describe the territory to be annexed.

~~Whenever a municipality or school district included entirely or partially within a district has annexed or otherwise includes within its boundaries territory contiguous to the district and without local tax supported public library service, the district may annex that territory by the passage of an ordinance to that effect, describing the territory annexed and~~

~~reciting the prior annexation or other inclusion of the territory by the municipality or school district.~~

(b) Within 15 days of the passage of the annexation ordinance, the library district shall send notice of the adoption of the ordinance, a copy of the map showing the boundaries of the territory to be annexed, and a copy of the text of the publication notice required in this Section to the president of the board of trustees of each public library with territory within one mile of the territory to be annexed. Within 15 days after the adoption of the ordinance it shall be published as provided in Section 1-30. The board may vacate an annexation ordinance before its publication.

(c) The publication or posting of the ordinance shall include a notice of (i) the specific number of voters required to sign a petition requesting that the question of the adoption of the ordinance be submitted to the voters of the district or the territory to be annexed or both, (ii) the time in which the petition must be filed, and (iii) the date of the prospective referendum. The district secretary shall provide a petition form to any individual requesting one.

(d) If no petition is filed with the library district within 30 days after publication or posting of the ordinance, the annexation shall take effect. If, however, within the 30 day period, a petition is filed with the Board of Trustees of the library district, signed by voters of the district or the territory to be annexed, or both, equal in number to 10% or more of the total number of registered voters in the district, the territory to be annexed or both, asking that the question of the annexation of the territory be submitted to the voters of the territory, the board of trustees may vacate the annexation ordinance or certify the question to the proper election authority, who shall submit the question at the next regular election. Notice of this election shall be given and the election shall be conducted in accordance with the Election Code. The proposition shall be submitted to the voters in substantially the following form:

Shall (description of territory) be annexed to (name of public library district), (location), Illinois?

(e) If a majority of votes cast upon the proposition in the district, and also a majority of votes cast upon the proposition in the territory to be annexed, are in favor of the proposition, the Board of Trustees of the library district may conclude the annexation of the territory.

(f) If, before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, a district has annexed territory under this Section and that annexation complies with the requirements set forth in this Section, as changed by this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, then, for all purposes, that annexation is hereby validated, ratified, and declared to be in full force and effect from: (i) 30 days after publication or posting of the ordinance if no petition was filed with the library district under subsection (d); or (ii) if a petition was filed, on the date that the district concluded the annexation of the territory under subsection (e).

(Source: P.A. 87-1277.)

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