

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Township Code is amended by changing Section  
5 15-10 and by adding Section 15-5.1 as follows:

6 (60 ILCS 1/15-5.1 new)

7 Sec. 15-5.1. Home rule municipality; organization of  
8 coterminous city.

9 (a) The corporate authorities of a home rule municipality  
10 in any county under township organization, by resolution, may  
11 provide that the municipality is organized into a new township  
12 under the name designated in a petition under subsection (b).  
13 The municipality shall be known as a coterminous city.

14 (b) The corporate authorities of a home rule municipality  
15 shall not take action under the provisions of subsection (a)  
16 unless a petition requesting that action, signed by at least  
17 200 voters of the municipality, has been presented to the  
18 corporate authorities of the municipality and the corporate  
19 authorities have held a public hearing on the petition. Notice  
20 of the hearing shall be published at least 3 times in a  
21 newspaper published in the municipality or, if there is none,  
22 in a newspaper published in the county and having a general  
23 circulation in the territory described in the petition. The

1 first notice shall be published at least 60 days before the  
2 date of the hearing.

3 (60 ILCS 1/15-10)

4 Sec. 15-10. Disconnection of territory from township;  
5 annexation to adjacent township. Until the effective date of  
6 this amendatory Act of 1997, whenever a township is organized  
7 under this Article and any of the territory of the city not  
8 more than one-half square mile in extent and containing not  
9 more than 50 inhabitants is disconnected from the city, the  
10 county board may, by resolution, upon receiving a certified  
11 copy of the resolution or ordinance of the city disconnecting  
12 the territory and after a public hearing on the matter  
13 following notice given as provided in Sections ~~Section~~ 15-5 or  
14 15-5.1, disconnect the territory from the township and annex it  
15 to an adjacent township or townships.

16 Whenever a township is organized under this Article and any  
17 of the territory of the city is, after the effective date of  
18 this amendatory Act of 1997, disconnected from the city by  
19 court order or ordinance, the territory shall automatically be  
20 disconnected from the otherwise coterminous township and  
21 connected to the adjacent township, and the transfer of the  
22 territory shall not affect the city's status as a city with a  
23 coterminous township. If disconnection is pursuant to court  
24 order, the petitioning party in the cause shall, within 30 days  
25 of the entry of an order permitting disconnection, serve a copy

1 of the order upon the coterminous township, the adjacent  
2 township, and the county clerk by certified mail, return  
3 receipt requested, and shall file proof of the service with the  
4 circuit clerk. Upon objection by either the coterminous  
5 township or the adjacent township within 180 days after the  
6 enactment of the ordinance or after service of the court order,  
7 the county board or the corporate authorities of a home rule  
8 municipality may, after receiving a certified copy of the court  
9 order or ordinance and after a public hearing on the matter  
10 following notice given as provided in Sections ~~Section~~ 15-5 or  
11 15-5.1, pass an ordinance annulling the automatic  
12 disconnection of territory from the coterminous township. The  
13 action by the county board or the corporate authorities of a  
14 home rule municipality shall not affect the disconnection of  
15 territory from the city, but shall cause the territory to  
16 remain in the coterminous township. The annulling by the county  
17 board or the corporate authorities of a home rule municipality  
18 of the automatic disconnection of territory from the  
19 coterminous township shall not affect the city's status as a  
20 city with a coterminous township.

21 (Source: P.A. 90-481, eff. 8-17-97.)

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