



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB4408

by Rep. Luis Arroyo

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 2605/3

from Ch. 42, par. 322

70 ILCS 2605/3.3 new

Amends the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act. Provides that the board of commissioners of the Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago shall: on or before July 1, 2021, divide the Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago into 9 commissioner districts and assign the commissioner districts to reflect the results of the most recent federal decennial census. Provides that in the year following each federal decennial census, the board of commissioners shall redistrict the commissioner districts to reflect the results of the most recent census. Provides that the commissioner districts shall be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population to each other district. Provides that one commissioner shall be elected from each commissioner district for a term of 6 years and that the commissioner shall be a resident of the commissioner district from which he or she was elected. Provides that if the corporate limits of the Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago expands between redistrictings, the board of commissioners shall determine which commissioner district or districts the expanded territory will join until the next redistricting. Provides that the terms of all commissioners serving at the time of the 2022 general election shall continue until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in the month following the 2022 general election or until the 9 new commissioners are elected and qualified, whichever is later. Makes conforming changes.

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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 Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act
5 is amended by changing Section 3 and by adding Section 3.3 as
6 follows:

7 (70 ILCS 2605/3) (from Ch. 42, par. 322)

8 Sec. 3. The corporate authority of the Sanitary District of
9 Chicago shall consist of nine trustees. Such trustees shall be
10 elected for staggered terms at the election provided by the
11 general election law. Except as provided by Section 3.3, 3
12 ~~Three~~ trustees shall be elected at each such election to
13 succeed the 3 trustees whose terms expire in such year.

14 Such trustees shall take office on the first Tuesday after
15 the first Monday in the month following the month of their
16 election and shall hold their offices for six years and until
17 their successors shall be elected and qualified. Except for
18 elections of the commissioners of the Metropolitan Water
19 Reclamation District of Greater Chicago on and after the 2022
20 general election, in ~~in~~ all elections for trustees each elector
21 may vote for as many candidates as there are trustees to be
22 elected, but no elector may give to such candidates more than
23 one vote, it being the intent and purpose of this Act to

1 prohibit cumulative voting in the selection of members of the
2 board of the sanitary district.

3 The election of trustees shall be in accordance with the
4 provisions of the general election law.

5 By reason of the importance and character of the services
6 performed by the sanitary district, there is a great need and
7 it is in the public interest that such services be performed in
8 as near a non-partisan character as possible.

9 When a vacancy exists in the office of trustees of any
10 sanitary district organized under the provisions hereof, the
11 vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Governor until
12 the next regular election at which trustees of the Sanitary
13 District of Chicago are elected, and thereafter until a
14 successor shall be elected and qualified.

15 Such sanitary district shall from the time of the first
16 election held by it under this Act be construed in all courts
17 to be a body corporate and politic, and by the name and style
18 of the sanitary district of....., and by such name and style may
19 sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with, acquire and
20 hold real estate and personal property necessary for corporate
21 purposes, and adopt a common seal and alter the same at
22 pleasure.

23 The board of trustees shall have the power to change the
24 name of the Sanitary District of Chicago by ordinance and
25 public notice without impairing the legal status of acts
26 theretofore performed by said district. Thereafter any and all

1 references to the Sanitary District of Chicago in this Act or
2 otherwise shall mean and include the name under which such
3 sanitary district is then operating. No rights, duties or
4 privilege of such a sanitary district, or those of any person,
5 existing before the change of name shall be affected by a
6 change, in the name of a sanitary district. All proceedings
7 pending in any court in favor of or against such sanitary
8 district may continue to final consummation under the name in
9 which they were commenced.

10 (Source: P.A. 83-345.)

11 (70 ILCS 2605/3.3 new)

12 Sec. 3.3. Districting required; election.

13 (a) The board of commissioners of the Water Reclamation
14 District of Greater Chicago shall: on or before July 1, 2021,
15 divide the Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago into 9
16 commissioner districts and assign the commissioner districts
17 to reflect the results of the most recent federal decennial
18 census; and thereafter, in the year following each decennial
19 census, the board of commissioners shall redistrict the
20 commissioner districts to reflect the results of the most
21 recent census. Each commissioner district shall be compact,
22 contiguous, and substantially equal in population to each other
23 district. The division of the Water Reclamation District of
24 Greater Chicago into commissioner districts must be completed
25 and formally approved by a majority of the members of the board

1 of commissioners. At the same meeting of the board of
2 commissioners held on or before July 1, 2021, the board shall,
3 publicly by lot, divide the commissioner districts into 3
4 groups. In the 2022 general election, the commissioners from
5 the first group shall be elected for a term of 2 years, the
6 commissioners from the second group shall be elected for a term
7 of 4 years, and the commissioners from the third group shall be
8 elected for a term of 6 years. Thereafter, all the terms shall
9 be 6 years and commissioners shall be elected pursuant to
10 Section 3. One commissioner shall be elected from each
11 commissioner district and the commissioner shall be a resident
12 of the commissioner district from which he or she is elected.

13 (b) If the corporate limits of the Water Reclamation
14 District of Greater Chicago expand between redistrictings, the
15 board of commissioners shall determine which commissioner
16 district or districts the expanded territory will join until
17 the next redistricting.

18 (c) The terms of all commissioners serving at the time of
19 the 2022 general election shall continue until the first
20 Tuesday after the first Monday in the month following the 2022
21 general election or until the 9 new commissioners are elected
22 and qualified under subsection (a), whichever is later.