

1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing Section  
5 28-1 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/28-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 28-1)

7 Sec. 28-1. The initiation and submission of all public  
8 questions to be voted upon by the electors of the State or of  
9 any political subdivision or district or precinct or  
10 combination of precincts shall be subject to the provisions of  
11 this Article.

12 Questions of public policy which have any legal effect  
13 shall be submitted to referendum only as authorized by a  
14 statute which so provides or by the Constitution. Advisory  
15 questions of public policy shall be submitted to referendum  
16 pursuant to Section 28-5 or pursuant to a statute which so  
17 provides.

18 The method of initiating the submission of a public  
19 question shall be as provided by the statute authorizing such  
20 public question, or as provided by the Constitution.

21 All public questions shall be initiated, submitted and  
22 printed on the ballot in the form required by Section 16-7 of  
23 this Act, except as may otherwise be specified in the statute

1 authorizing a public question.

2 Whenever a statute provides for the initiation of a public  
3 question by a petition of electors, the provisions of such  
4 statute shall govern with respect to the number of signatures  
5 required, the qualifications of persons entitled to sign the  
6 petition, the contents of the petition, the officer with whom  
7 the petition must be filed, and the form of the question to be  
8 submitted. If such statute does not specify any of the  
9 foregoing petition requirements, the corresponding petition  
10 requirements of Section 28-6 shall govern such petition.

11 Irrespective of the method of initiation, not more than 3  
12 public questions other than (a) back door referenda, (b)  
13 referenda to determine whether a disconnection may take place  
14 where a city coterminous with a township is proposing to annex  
15 territory from an adjacent township, (c) referenda held under  
16 the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in  
17 the Property Tax Code, (d) referenda held under Section 2-3002  
18 of the Counties Code, ~~or~~ (e) referenda held under Article 22,  
19 23, or 29 of the Township Code, or (f) referenda held under  
20 Section 3-47 of the Property Tax Code may be submitted to  
21 referendum with respect to a political subdivision at the same  
22 election.

23 If more than 3 propositions are timely initiated or  
24 certified for submission at an election with respect to a  
25 political subdivision, the first 3 validly initiated, by the  
26 filing of a petition or by the adoption of a resolution or

1 ordinance of a political subdivision, as the case may be, shall  
2 be printed on the ballot and submitted at that election.  
3 However, except as expressly authorized by law not more than  
4 one proposition to change the form of government of a  
5 municipality pursuant to Article VII of the Constitution may be  
6 submitted at an election. If more than one such proposition is  
7 timely initiated or certified for submission at an election  
8 with respect to a municipality, the first validly initiated  
9 shall be the one printed on the ballot and submitted at that  
10 election.

11 No public question shall be submitted to the voters of a  
12 political subdivision at any regularly scheduled election at  
13 which such voters are not scheduled to cast votes for any  
14 candidates for nomination for, election to or retention in  
15 public office, except that if, in any existing or proposed  
16 political subdivision in which the submission of a public  
17 question at a regularly scheduled election is desired, the  
18 voters of only a portion of such existing or proposed political  
19 subdivision are not scheduled to cast votes for nomination for,  
20 election to or retention in public office at such election, but  
21 the voters in one or more other portions of such existing or  
22 proposed political subdivision are scheduled to cast votes for  
23 nomination for, election to or retention in public office at  
24 such election, the public question shall be voted upon by all  
25 the qualified voters of the entire existing or proposed  
26 political subdivision at the election.

1 Not more than 3 advisory public questions may be submitted  
2 to the voters of the entire state at a general election. If  
3 more than 3 such advisory propositions are initiated, the first  
4 3 timely and validly initiated shall be the questions printed  
5 on the ballot and submitted at that election; provided however,  
6 that a question for a proposed amendment to Article IV of the  
7 Constitution pursuant to Section 3, Article XIV of the  
8 Constitution, or for a question submitted under the Property  
9 Tax Cap Referendum Law, shall not be included in the foregoing  
10 limitation.

11 (Source: P.A. 100-107, eff. 1-1-18.)

12 Section 10. The Property Tax Code is amended by adding  
13 Section 3-47 as follows:

14 (35 ILCS 200/3-47 new)

15 Sec. 3-47. Lake County assessor referendum; election.

16 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,  
17 the election authority for Lake County shall cause to be  
18 submitted to the voters of Lake County at the general election  
19 held on November 3, 2020 a referendum to convert the Office of  
20 the Chief Assessment Officer of Lake County to an elected  
21 office rather than an appointed office. The referendum shall  
22 comply with the provisions of Section 4 of Article VII of the  
23 Illinois Constitution, and shall be in the following form:

24 "Shall the office of the Chief Assessment Officer of

1       Lake County be an elected office beginning with the 2022  
2       general election?"

3       The votes shall be recorded as "Yes" or "No".

4       The referendum is deemed approved if a majority of those  
5       voting on the question approve the referendum.

6       (b) In the event that a majority of the electors voting on  
7       the referendum under this Section are in favor thereof, the  
8       Office of the Chief Assessment Officer of Lake County shall  
9       become an elected office. The Chief Assessment Officer of Lake  
10       County shall then be elected at the first general election  
11       following the approval of the referendum. Upon election of the  
12       Chief Assessment Officer of Lake County under this Section, the  
13       Office of the then-serving Chief Assessment Officer of Lake  
14       County shall become vacant, and the newly elected Chief  
15       Assessment Officer shall assume that office.

16       (c) Should the Office of the Chief Assessment Officer of  
17       Lake County become an elected office as provided under  
18       subsection (b), any person seeking such office shall comply  
19       with and be governed by the provisions of Section 3-45 with  
20       respect to the election of county assessors and related  
21       requirements.

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