

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 SB3013

Introduced 2/5/2020, by Sen. Ann Gillespie

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides for property tax incentives for newly constructed or rehabilitated rental property if the owner of the residential real property commits that, for a period of 20 years, at least 20% of the multifamily building's units will have rents that are at or below maximum rents and are occupied by households with household incomes at or below maximum income limits. Provides that the chief county assessment officer of a county with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants shall establish such a program, and the chief county assessment officer of a county with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants shall establish such a program upon passage of an ordinance by a majority vote of the county board. Sets forth application requirements and the amount of the reduction. Amends the Affordable Housing Planning and Appeal Act. Provides that to enforce compliance with the Act's affordable housing plan requirements and to encourage local governments to submit their affordable housing plans to the Illinois Housing Development Authority (Authority) in a timely manner, the Authority shall notify any local government and may notify the Office of the Attorney General that the local government is in violation of State law if the Authority finds that the affordable housing plan submitted is not in substantial compliance with the Act or that the local government failed to submit an affordable housing plan. Grants the Attorney General enforcement authority under the Act, including notifying the State Comptroller and the State Treasurer of the noncompliance of any local government. Contains provisions concerning appeals to the State Housing Appeals Board. Limits home rule powers. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

HOME RULE NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IMPACT NOTE ACT MAY APPLY 1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

- Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by adding Section 15-178 as follows:
- 6 (35 ILCS 200/15-178 new)
- Sec. 15-178. Property tax incentives for affordable rental housing construction or rehabilitation.
- 9 (a) The chief county assessment officer of any county with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants shall, and the chief county 10 assessment officer of any county with less than 3,000,000 11 12 inhabitants shall upon passage of an ordinance by a majority vote of the county board, establish a tax incentive program for 13 14 eligible newly constructed residential real property or qualifying rehabilitation to all eligible existing residential 15 16 real property in accordance with subsection (b). The program shall apply during the construction period and for 20 taxable 17 years after the newly constructed residential real property or 18 improvements to existing residential real property are put in 19 service. Property is eligible for the program if and only if 20 21 all of the following factors have been met:
- 22 <u>(1) at the conclusion of the new construction or</u> 23 <u>qualifying rehabilitation, the property will consist of a</u>

newly constructed multifamily building containing 6 or more rental dwelling units or an existing multifamily building that has undergone qualifying rehabilitation containing 6 or more rental dwelling units;

- (2) except as defined in subparagraphs (D), (E), and (F) of paragraph (4) of subsection (c) of this Section, prior to the newly constructed residential real property or improvements to existing residential real property being put in service, the owner of the residential real property commits that, for a period of 20 years after the newly constructed residential real property or improvements to existing residential real property are put in service, at least 20% of the multifamily building's units will have rents as defined in this Section that are at or below maximum rents and are occupied by households with household incomes at or below maximum income limits; and
- (3) the property meets the application requirements defined in subsection (c).

(b) The incentives shall be calculated as follows:

(1) during the construction period and for the first, second, and third taxable year after the property or improvements are placed in service, the property is entitled to a reduction in its equalized assessed value in an amount equal to the difference between the equalized assessed value in the year for which the incentive is sought and the equalized assessed value for the property in

the base year;

- (2) for the fourth, fifth, and sixth taxable year after the property or improvements are placed in service, the property is entitled to a reduction in its equalized assessed value in an amount equal to 80% of the difference between the equalized assessed value in the year for which the incentive is sought and the equalized assessed value for the property in the base year;
- (3) for the seventh, eighth, and ninth taxable year after the property or improvements are placed in service, the property is entitled to a reduction in its equalized assessed value in an amount equal to 60% of the difference between the equalized assessed value in the year for which the incentive is sought and the equalized assessed value for the property in the base year;
- (4) for the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth taxable year after the property or improvements are placed in service, the property is entitled to a reduction in its equalized assessed value in an amount equal to 40% of the difference between the equalized assessed value in the year for which the incentive is sought and the equalized assessed value for the property in the base year; and
- (5) for the thirteenth through the twentieth taxable year after the property or improvements are placed in service, the property is entitled to a reduction in its equalized assessed value in an amount equal to 20% of the

1	difference between the equalized assessed value in the year
2	for which the incentive is sought and the equalized
3	assessed value for the property in the base year.
4	(c) Application requirements.
5	(1) In order to receive benefits under this Section,
6	the owner must submit the following information to the
7	chief county assessment officer for review in the form
8	required by the chief county assessment officer:
9	(A) the owner's name;
10	(B) the postal address and permanent index number
11	of the parcel;
12	(C) a deed or other instrument conveying the parcel
13	to the current owner;
14	(D) written evidence that the new construction or
15	qualifying rehabilitation has been completed with
16	respect to the residential real property, including,
17	but not limited to, copies of building permits, a
18	notarized contractor's sworn affidavit, and
19	photographs of the interior and exterior of the
20	building after new construction or rehabilitation is
21	<pre>completed;</pre>
22	(E) written evidence that the residential real
23	property meets local building codes, or if there are no
24	local building codes, Housing Quality Standards, as
25	determined by the United States Department of Housing
26	and Urban Development;

1	(F) a list identifying the affordable units in
2	residential real property and a written statement that
3	the affordable units are comparable to the market rate
4	units in terms of unit type, number of bedrooms per
5	unit, quality of exterior appearance, energy
6	efficiency, and overall quality of construction;
7	(G) a written schedule certifying the rents in each
8	affordable unit and a written statement that these
9	rents do not exceed the maximum rents allowable for the
10	area in which the residential real property is located;
11	(H) documentation from the administering agency
12	verifying the owner's participation in a qualifying
13	income-based rental subsidy program as defined in
14	subsection (d) of this Section if units receiving
15	rental subsidies are to be counted among the affordable
16	units in order to meet the thresholds defined in this
17	Section;
18	(I) a written statement identifying the household
19	income for every household occupying an affordable
20	unit and certifying that the household income does not
21	exceed the maximum income limits allowable for the area
22	in which the residential real property is located;
23	(J) a written statement that the owner has verified
24	and retained documentation of household income for
25	every household occupying an affordable unit; and
26	(K) any additional information as reasonably

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- (2) The chief county assessment officer shall notify the owner as to whether the property meets the requirements of this Section. If the property does not meet the requirements of this Section, the chief county assessment officer shall provide written notice of any deficiencies to the owner, who shall then have 30 days from the date of notification to provide supplemental information showing compliance with this Section. If the owner does not exercise this right to cure the deficiency, or if the information submitted, in the sole judgment of the chief county assessment officer, is insufficient to meet the requirements of this Section, the chief county assessment officer shall provide a written explanation of the reasons for denial.
- (3) The chief county assessment officer may charge a reasonable application fee to offset the administrative expenses associated with the program.
- (4) The benefit conferred by this Section is limited as follows:
 - (A) The owner is eliqible to apply for the benefit

1	conferred by this Section beginning January 1, 2021
2	through December 31, 2040. If approved, the reduction
3	will be effective for the current taxable year, which
4	will be reflected in the tax bill issued in the
5	following taxable year.
6	(B) In the year prior to the final year of
7	eligibility for the reduction in assessed value,
8	written notice must be provided to tenants informing
9	them of the date of the termination.
10	(C) If the property is sold or transferred, the
11	purchaser or transferee must comply with all
12	requirements of this Section in order to continue
13	receiving the reduction in assessed value.
14	(D) The owner may apply for the benefit if the
15	newly constructed residential real property or
16	improvements to existing residential real property
17	were put in service on or after January 1, 2015.
18	However, the 20-year eligibility period shall be
19	reduced by the number of years between the placed in
20	service date and the date the owner first receives this
21	benefit.
22	(E) The owner may apply for the benefit within 2
23	years after the newly constructed residential real
24	property or improvements to existing residential real
25	property are put in service. However, the 20-year

eligibility period shall be reduced for the number of

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years between the placed in service date and the date the owner first receives this benefit.

(F) Owners of a multifamily building receiving a benefit through the Cook County Class 9 program on December 31, 2019 shall be deemed automatically eligible for the benefit defined in this Section in terms of meeting the criteria for new construction or substantial rehabilitation for a specific multifamily building regardless of when the newly constructed residential real property or improvements to existing residential real property were put in service. If a Cook County Class 9 owner had Class 9 status revoked on or after January 1, 2017 but can provide documents sufficient to prove that the revocation was in error or any deficiencies leading to the revocation have been cured, the chief county assessment officer may deem the owner to be eliqible. However, owners may not receive both the benefits defined in this Section and the Cook County Class 9 program in any single taxable year. In addition, the number of years during which an owner has participated in the Class 9 program shall count against the number of remaining years eligible for the benefit as defined in this Section.

(G) At the completion of the assessment reduction period described in this Section, the entire parcel will be assessed as otherwise provided in State law.

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1 (d) As used in this Section:

2 <u>"Affordable units" means units that have rents that do not</u>
3 exceed the maximum rents as defined in this Section.

"Base year" means the taxable year prior to the first year of the construction period.

"Construction period" means a period of not more than 3 consecutive tax years during which the dwelling units are being newly constructed or the qualifying rehabilitation is taking place.

"Household income" includes the annual income for all the people who occupy a housing unit that is anticipated to be received from a source outside of the family during the 12-month period following admission or the annual recertification, including related family members and all the unrelated people who share the housing unit. "Household income" includes the total of the following income sources: wages, salaries and tips before any payroll deductions; net business income; interest and dividends; payments in lieu of earnings, such as unemployment and disability compensation, worker's compensation and severance pay; Social Security income, including lump sum payments; payments from insurance policies, annuities, pensions, disability benefits and other types of periodic payments, alimony, child support, and other regular monetary contributions; and public assistance, except for assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). "Household income" does not include: earnings of

children under age 18; temporary income such as cash gifts;

reimbursement for medical expenses; lump sums from

inheritance, insurance payments, settlements for personal or

property losses; student financial assistance paid directly to

the student or to an educational institution; foster child care

payments; receipts from government-funded training programs;

assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

(SNAP).

"Maximum income limits" means the maximum regular income limits for 60% of area median income for the geographic area in which the multifamily building is located for multifamily programs as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and published annually by the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

"Maximum rent" means the maximum regular rent for 60% of the area median income for the geographic area in which the multifamily building is located for multifamily programs as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and published annually by the Illinois Housing Development Authority. To be eligible for the benefit defined in this Section, maximum rents are to be reduced by the owner based on the Illinois Housing Development Authority's rules regarding tenant payment of utilities; or if the owner is leasing an affordable unit to a household with an income at or below the maximum income limit who is participating in qualifying income-based rental subsidy program, "maximum rent"

means the maximum rents allowable under the guidelines of the qualifying income-based rental subsidy program.

"Qualifying income-based rental subsidy program" means a Housing Choice Voucher issued by a housing authority under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, a tenant voucher converted to a project-based voucher by a housing authority or any other program administered or funded by a housing authority, the Illinois Housing Development Authority, or another State agency, or a unit of local government where participation is limited to households with incomes at or below the maximum income limits as defined in this Section and the tenants' portion of the rent payment is based on a percentage of their income or a flat amount that does not exceed the maximum rent as defined in this Section.

"Qualifying rehabilitation" means, at a minimum, compliance with local building codes and the replacement or renovation of at least 2 primary building systems. Although the cost of each primary building system may vary, to be approved for the benefit under this Section, the combined expenditure for making the building compliant with local codes and replacing primary building systems must be at least \$8 per square foot for work completed between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021 and, in subsequent years, \$8 adjusted by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, as published annually by the U.S. Department of Labor. "Primary building systems", together with their related rehabilitations,

1	specifically approved for this program are:
2	(1) Electrical. All electrical work must comply with
3	applicable codes; it may consist of a combination of any of
4	the following alternatives:
5	(A) installing individual equipment and appliance
6	branch circuits as required by code (the minimum being
7	a kitchen appliance branch circuit);
8	(B) installing a new emergency service, including
9	emergency lighting with all associated conduits and
10	wiring;
11	(C) rewiring all existing feeder conduits ("home
12	runs") from the main switchgear to apartment area
13	distribution panels;
14	(D) installing new in-wall conduits for
15	receptacles, switches, appliances, equipment, and
16	<pre>fixtures;</pre>
17	(E) replacing power wiring for receptacles,
18	switches, appliances, equipment, and fixtures;
19	(F) installing new light fixtures throughout the
20	building including closets and central areas;
21	(G) replacing, adding, or doing work as necessary
22	to bring all receptacles, switches, and other
23	electrical devices into code compliance;
24	(H) installing a new main service, including
25	conduit, cables into the building, and main disconnect
26	switch; and

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1	(I) installing new distribution panels, including
2	all panel wiring, terminals, circuit breakers, and all
3	other panel devices.
4	(2) Heating. All heating work must comply with
5	applicable codes; it may consist of a combination of any of
6	the following alternatives:
7	(A) installing a new system to replace one of the
8	following heat distribution systems:
9	(i) piping and heat radiating units, including
10	new main line venting and radiator venting; or
11	(ii) duct work, diffusers, and cold air
12	returns; or
13	(iii) any other type of existing heat
14	distribution and radiation/diffusion components;
15	<u>or</u>
16	(B) installing a new system to replace one of the
17	following heat generating units:
18	(i) hot water/steam boiler;
19	(ii) gas furnace; or
20	(iii) any other type of existing heat
21	generating unit.
22	(3) Plumbing. All plumbing work must comply with
23	applicable codes. Replace all or a part of the in-wall
24	supply and waste plumbing; however, main supply risers,
25	waste stacks and vents, and code-conforming waste lines
26	need not be replaced.

1	(4) Roofing. All roofing work must comply with
2	applicable codes; it may consist of either of the following
3	alternatives, separately or in combination:
4	(A) replacing all rotted roof decks and
5	insulation; or
6	(B) replacing or repairing leaking roof membranes
7	(10% is the suggested minimum replacement of
8	membrane); restoration of the entire roof is an
9	acceptable substitute for membrane replacement.
10	(5) Exterior doors and windows. Replace the exterior
11	doors and windows. Renovation of ornate entry doors is an
12	acceptable substitute for replacement.
13	(6) Floors, walls, and ceilings. Finishes must be
14	replaced or covered over with new material. Acceptable
15	replacement or covering materials are as follows:
16	(A) floors must have new carpeting, vinyl tile,
17	ceramic, refurbished wood finish, or a similar
18	substitute;
19	(B) walls must have new drywall, including joint
20	taping and painting; or
21	(C) new ceilings must be either drywall, suspended
22	type, or a similar
23	(7) Exterior walls.
24	(A) replace loose or crumbling mortar and masonry
25	with new material;
26	(B) replace or paint wall siding and trim as

1	needed;
2	(C) bring porches and balconies to a sound
3	<pre>condition; or</pre>
4	(D) any combination of (A), (B), and (C).
5	(8) Elevators. Where applicable, at least 4 of the
6	following 7 alternatives must be accomplished:
7	(A) replace or rebuild the machine room controls
8	and refurbish the elevator machine (or equivalent
9	mechanisms in the case of hydraulic elevators);
10	(B) replace hoistway electro-mechanical items
11	including: ropes, switches, limits, buffers, levelers,
12	and deflector sheaves (or equivalent mechanisms in the
13	<pre>case of hydraulic elevators);</pre>
14	(C) replace hoistway wiring;
15	(D) replace door operators and linkage;
16	(E) replace door panels at each opening;
17	(F) replace hall stations, car stations, and
18	signal fixtures; or
19	(G) rebuild the car shell and refinish the
20	<pre>interior.</pre>
21	(9) Health and safety.
22	(A) install or replace fire suppression systems;
23	(B) install or replace security systems; or
24	(C) environmental remediation of lead-based paint,
25	asbestos, leaking underground storage tanks, or radon.
26	(10) Energy conservation improvements undertaken to

1	limit the amount of solar energy absorbed by a building's
2	roof or to reduce energy use for the property, including
3	any of the following activities:
4	(A) installing or replacing reflective roof
5	<pre>coatings (flat roofs);</pre>
6	(B) installing or replacing R-49 roof insulation;
7	(C) installing or replacing R-19 perimeter wall
8	insulation;
9	(D) installing or replacing insulated entry doors;
10	(E) installing or replacing Low E, insulated
11	windows;
12	(F) installing or replacing WaterSense labeled
13	<pre>plumbing fixtures;</pre>
14	(G) installing or replacing 90% or better sealed
15	<pre>combustion heating systems;</pre>
16	(H) installing or replacing direct exhaust hot
17	water heaters;
18	(I) installing or replacing mechanical ventilation
19	to exterior for kitchens and baths;
20	(J) installing or replacing Energy Star
21	appliances;
22	(K) installing low VOC interior paints on interior
23	<u>finishes;</u>
24	(L) installing or replacing Energy Star certified
25	lighting in common areas; or
26	(M) installing or replacing grading and

landscaping to promote on-site water retention.

improvements must comply with applicable codes. An owner may make accessibility improvements to residential real property to increase access for people with disabilities.

As used in this paragraph (11), "disability" has the meaning given to that term in the Illinois Human Rights Act. As used in this paragraph (11), "accessibility improvements" means a home modification listed under the Home Services Program administered by the Department of Human Services (Part 686 of Title 89 of the Illinois Administrative Code) including, but not limited to: installation of ramps, grab bars, or wheelchair lifts; widening doorways or hallways; re-configuring rooms and closets; and any other changes to enhance the independence of people with disabilities.

(12) Any applicant who has purchased the property in an arm's length transaction not more than 90 days before applying for this benefit may use the cost of rehabilitation or repairs required by documented code violations, up to a maximum of \$2 per square foot, to meet the qualifying rehabilitation requirements.

Section 10. The Affordable Housing Planning and Appeal Act is amended by changing Sections 25 and 30 and by adding Section 70 as follows:

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- 1 (310 ILCS 67/25)
- 2 Sec. 25. Affordable housing plan.
- 3 Prior to April 1, 2005, all non-exempt local 4 governments must approve an affordable housing plan. Any local 5 government that is determined by the Illinois 6 Development Authority under Section 20 to be non-exempt for the first time based on the recalculation of U.S. Census Bureau 7 8 data after 2010 shall have 18 months from the date of 9 notification of its non-exempt status to approve an affordable 10 housing plan under this Act.
- 11 (b) For the purposes of this Act, the affordable housing
 12 plan shall consist of at least the following:
 - (i) a statement of the total number of affordable housing units that are necessary to exempt the local government from the operation of this Act as defined in Section 15 and Section 20;
 - identification of lands (ii) an within the jurisdiction that are most appropriate for the construction of affordable housing and of structures most appropriate for conversion rehabilitation for, affordable housing, including a consideration of lands and structures of developers who have expressed a commitment to provide affordable housing and lands and structures that are publicly or semi-publicly owned;

- 1 (iii) incentives that local governments may provide 2 for the purpose of attracting affordable housing to their 3 jurisdiction; and
 - (iv) a goal of a minimum of 15% of all new development or redevelopment within the local government that would be defined as affordable housing in this Act; or a minimum of a 3 percentage point increase in the overall percentage of affordable housing within its jurisdiction, as described in subsection (b) of Section 20 of this Act; or a minimum of a total of 10% affordable housing within its jurisdiction as described in subsection (b) of Section 20 of this Act. These goals may be met, in whole or in part, through the creation of affordable housing units under intergovernmental agreements as described in subsection (e) of this Section.
 - (c) Within 60 days after the adoption of an affordable housing plan or revisions to its affordable housing plan, the local government must submit a copy of that plan to the Illinois Housing Development Authority.
 - (d) In order to promote the goals of this Act and to maximize the creation, establishment, or preservation of affordable housing throughout the State of Illinois, a local government, whether exempt or non-exempt under this Act, may adopt the following measures to address the need for affordable housing:
 - (1) Local governments may individually or jointly

create or participate in a housing trust fund or otherwise
provide funding or support for the purpose of supporting
affordable housing, including, without limitation, to
support the following affordable housing activities:

- (A) Housing production, including, without limitation, new construction, rehabilitation, and adaptive re-use.
- (B) Acquisition, including, without limitation, land, single-family homes, multi-unit buildings, and other existing structures that may be used in whole or in part for residential use.
 - (C) Rental payment assistance.
 - (D) Home-ownership purchase assistance.
 - (E) Preservation of existing affordable housing.
 - (F) Weatherization.
 - (G) Emergency repairs.
- (H) Housing related support services, including homeownership education and financial counseling.
- (I) Grants or loans to not-for-profit organizations engaged in addressing the affordable housing needs of low-income and moderate-income households.

Local governments may authorize housing trust funds to accept and utilize funds, property, and other resources from all proper and lawful public and private sources so long as those funds are used solely for addressing the

affordable housing needs of individuals or households that may occupy low-income or moderate-income housing.

- (2) A local government may create a community land trust, which may: acquire developed or undeveloped interests in real property and hold them for affordable housing purposes; convey such interests under long-term leases, including ground leases; convey such interests for affordable housing purposes; and retain an option to reacquire any such real property interests at a price determined by a formula ensuring that such interests may be utilized for affordable housing purposes.
- (3) A local government may use its zoning powers to require the creation and preservation of affordable housing as authorized under Section 5-12001 of the Counties Code and Section 11-13-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code.
- (4) A local government may accept donations of money or land for the purpose of addressing the affordable housing needs of individuals or households that may occupy low-income or moderate-income housing. These donations may include, without limitation, donations of money or land from persons in lieu of building affordable housing.
- (e) In order to encourage regional cooperation and the maximum creation of affordable housing in areas lacking such housing in the State of Illinois, any non-exempt local government may enter into intergovernmental agreements under subsection (e) of Section 25 with local governments within 10

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miles of its corporate boundaries in order to create affordable housing units to meet the goals of this Act. A non-exempt local government may not enter into an intergovernmental agreement, however, with any local government that contains more than 25% affordable housing as determined under Section 20 of this Act. intergovernmental agreements entered into to create affordable housing units to meet the goals of this Act must also specify the basis for determining how many of the affordable housing units created will be credited to each local government participating in the agreement for purposes of complying with this Act. All intergovernmental agreements entered into to create affordable housing units to meet the goals of this Act must also specify the anticipated number of newly created affordable housing units that are to be credited to each local government participating in the agreement for purposes of complying with this Act. In specifying how many affordable housing units will be credited to each local government, the same affordable housing unit may not be counted by more than one local government.

(f) To enforce compliance with the provisions of this Section, and to encourage local governments to submit their affordable housing plans to the Illinois Housing Development Authority in a timely manner, the Illinois Housing Development Authority shall notify any local government and may notify the Office of the Attorney General that the local government is in violation of State law if the Illinois Housing Development

Authority finds that the affordable housing plan submitted is 1 2 not in substantial compliance with this Section or that the 3 local government failed to submit an affordable housing plan. The Attorney General may enforce this provision of the Act by 4 5 an action for mandamus or injunction or by means of other appropriate relief. If a local government fails to comply with 6 7 the provisions of this Section, the Attorney General may also certify, through written notice, to the State Comptroller and 8 9 the State Treasurer of the noncompliance of the local 10 government. The written notice to the State Comptroller and the 11 State Treasurer shall set forth the amount of the intercept and 12 shall be deducted from any transportation funds or revenues 13 from the motor fuel tax owed to the local government. The funds 14 intercepted shall remain in an escrow account until the Attorney General provides written notification to the State 15 16 Comptroller and State Treasurer that the local government is in compliance with the provisions of this Act. 17

- (Source: P.A. 98-287, eff. 8-9-13.) 18
- 19 (310 ILCS 67/30)
- 20 Sec. 30. Appeal to State Housing Appeals Board.
- 21 (a) (Blank).

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Beginning January 1, 2009, an affordable housing developer whose application is either denied or approved with 23 conditions that in his or her judgment render the provision of 25 affordable housing infeasible may, within 45 days after the

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decision, appeal to the State Housing Appeals Board challenging that decision unless the municipality or county that rendered the decision is exempt under Section 15 of this Act. Members of the community or any other interested parties also may within 45 days after the decision, appeal to the State Housing Appeals Board, either the denial or approval with conditions of an application that they believe will render the provision of affordable housing infeasible. Any party that appeals The developer must submit information regarding why the party believes the developer believes he or she was unfairly denied or unreasonable conditions were placed upon the tentative approval of the development. In the case of local governments that are determined by the Illinois Housing Development Authority under Section 20 to be non-exempt for the first time based on the recalculation of U.S. Census Bureau data after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, no developer may appeal to the State Housing Appeals Board until 60 months after a local government has been notified of its non-exempt status.

(c) Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, the Board shall, whenever possible, render a decision on the appeal within 120 days after the appeal is filed. The Board may extend the time by which it will render a decision where circumstances outside the Board's control make it infeasible for the Board to render a decision within 120 days. In any proceeding before the Board, the

- affordable housing developer bears the burden of demonstrating that the proposed affordable housing development (i) has been unfairly denied or (ii) has had unreasonable conditions placed upon it by the decision of the local government.
 - (d) The Board shall dismiss any appeal if:
 - (i) the local government has adopted an affordable housing plan as defined in Section 25 of this Act and submitted that plan to the Illinois Housing Development Authority within the time frame required by this Act; and
 - (ii) the local government has implemented its affordable housing plan and has met its goal as established in its affordable housing plan as defined in Section 25 of this Act.
 - (e) The Board shall dismiss any appeal if the reason for denying the application or placing conditions upon the approval is a non-appealable local government requirement under Section 15 of this Act.
 - (f) The Board may affirm, reverse, or modify the conditions of, or add conditions to, a decision made by the approving authority. The decision of the Board constitutes an order directed to the approving authority and is binding on the local government.
 - (g) The appellate court has the exclusive jurisdiction to review decisions of the Board. Any appeal to the Appellate Court of a final ruling by the State Housing Appeals Board may be heard only in the Appellate Court for the District in which

- 1 the local government involved in the appeal is located. The
- 2 appellate court shall apply the "clearly erroneous" standard
- 3 when reviewing such appeals. An appeal of a final ruling of the
- 4 Board shall be filed within 35 days after the Board's decision
- 5 and in all respects shall be in accordance with Section 3-113
- of the Code of Civil Procedure.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 98-287, eff. 8-9-13.)
- 8 (310 ILCS 67/70 new)
- 9 Sec. 70. Home rule application. Unless otherwise provided
- 10 under this Act or otherwise in accordance with State law, a
- 11 unit of local government, including a home rule unit, or any
- 12 non-home rule county within the unincorporated territory of the
- 13 county, may not regulate the activities described in this Act
- in a manner more restrictive than the regulation of those
- 15 activities by the State under this Act. This Section is a
- limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of
- 17 the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home
- 18 rule units of powers and functions exercised by the State.
- 19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 20 becoming law.

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