



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 2605/4	from Ch. 42, par. 323
70 ILCS 2605/4.13	from Ch. 42, par. 323.13

Amends the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act. Provides that the executive director of the District, with the advice and consent of the board of commissioners, may appoint a deputy executive director. Makes conforming changes. Provides that the deputy executive director must be selected solely upon administrative and technical qualifications and without regard to political affiliations and shall serve under the direct supervision of the executive director.

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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 Sections 4 and 4.13 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 2605/4) (from Ch. 42, par. 323)

7 Sec. 4. The commissioners elected under this Act  
8 constitute a board of commissioners for the district by which  
9 they are elected, which board of commissioners is the  
10 corporate authority of the sanitary district, and, in addition  
11 to all other powers specified in this Act, shall establish the  
12 policies and goals of the sanitary district. The executive  
13 director, in addition to all other powers specified in this  
14 Act, shall manage and control all the affairs and property of  
15 the sanitary district and shall regularly report to the Board  
16 of Commissioners on the activities of the sanitary district in  
17 executing the policies and goals established by the board. At  
18 the regularly scheduled meeting of odd numbered years  
19 following the induction of new commissioners the board of  
20 commissioners shall elect from its own number a president and  
21 a vice-president to serve in the absence of the president, and  
22 the chairman of the committee on finance. The board shall  
23 provide by rule when a vacancy occurs in the office of the

1 president, vice-president, or the chairman of the committee on  
2 finance and the manner of filling such vacancy.

3 The board shall appoint from outside its own number the  
4 executive director and treasurer for the district.

5 The executive director must be a resident of the sanitary  
6 district and a citizen of the United States. He must be  
7 selected solely upon his administrative and technical  
8 qualifications and without regard to his political  
9 affiliations.

10 In the event of illness or other prolonged absence, death  
11 or resignation creating a vacancy in the office of the  
12 executive director, or treasurer, the board of commissioners  
13 may appoint an acting officer from outside its own number, to  
14 perform the duties and responsibilities of the office during  
15 the term of the absence or vacancy.

16 The executive director, with the advice and consent of the  
17 board of commissioners, shall appoint the director of  
18 engineering, director of maintenance and operations, director  
19 of human resources, director of procurement and materials  
20 management, clerk, general counsel, director of monitoring and  
21 research, and director of information technology. These  
22 constitute the heads of the Department of Engineering,  
23 Maintenance and Operations, Human Resources, Procurement and  
24 Materials Management, Finance, Law, Monitoring and Research,  
25 and Information Technology, respectively. No other departments  
26 or heads of departments may be created without subsequent

1 amendment to this Act. All such department heads are under the  
2 direct supervision of the executive director.

3 The executive director, with the advice and consent of the  
4 board of commissioners, may appoint a deputy executive  
5 director. The deputy executive director must be selected  
6 solely upon administrative and technical qualifications and  
7 without regard to political affiliations and shall serve under  
8 the direct supervision of the executive director.

9 The executive director, with the advice and consent of the  
10 board of commissioners, shall appoint a public and  
11 intergovernmental affairs officer and an administrative  
12 services officer. The public and intergovernmental affairs  
13 officer and administrative services officer shall serve under  
14 the direct supervision of the executive director.

15 The director of human resources must be qualified under  
16 Section 4.2a of this Act.

17 The director of procurement and materials management must  
18 be selected in accordance with Section 11.16 of this Act.

19 In the event of illness or other prolonged absence, death,  
20 or resignation creating a vacancy in the office of director of  
21 engineering, director of maintenance and operations, director  
22 of human resources, director of procurement and materials  
23 management, clerk, general counsel, director of monitoring and  
24 research, public and intergovernmental affairs officer,  
25 administrative services officer, or director of information  
26 technology, the executive director shall appoint an acting

1 officer to perform the duties and responsibilities of the  
2 office during the term of the absence or vacancy. Any such  
3 officers appointed in an acting capacity are under the direct  
4 supervision of the executive director.

5 All appointive officers and acting officers shall give  
6 bond as may be required by the board.

7 The executive director, treasurer, acting executive  
8 director, and acting treasurer hold their offices at the  
9 pleasure of the board of commissioners.

10 The acting director of engineering, acting director of  
11 maintenance and operations, acting director of human  
12 resources, acting director of procurement and materials  
13 management, acting clerk, acting general counsel, acting  
14 director of monitoring and research, acting public and  
15 intergovernmental affairs officer, acting administrative  
16 services officer, ~~and~~ acting director of information  
17 technology, and deputy executive director hold their offices  
18 at the pleasure of the executive director.

19 The director of engineering, director of maintenance and  
20 operations, director of human resources, director of  
21 procurement and materials management, clerk, general counsel,  
22 director of monitoring and research, public and  
23 intergovernmental affairs officer, administrative services  
24 officer, and director of information technology may be removed  
25 from office for cause by the executive director. Prior to  
26 removal, such officers are entitled to a public hearing before

1 the executive director at which hearing they may be  
2 represented by counsel. Before the hearing, the executive  
3 director shall notify the board of commissioners of the date,  
4 time, place and nature of the hearing.

5 In addition to the general counsel appointed by the  
6 executive director, the board of commissioners may appoint  
7 from outside its own number an attorney, or retain counsel, to  
8 advise the board of commissioners with respect to its powers  
9 and duties and with respect to legal questions and matters of  
10 policy for which the board of commissioners is responsible.

11 The executive director is the chief administrative officer  
12 of the district, has supervision over and is responsible for  
13 all administrative and operational matters of the sanitary  
14 district including the duties of all employees which are not  
15 otherwise designated by law, and is the appointing authority  
16 as specified in Section 4.11 of this Act.

17 The board of commissioners shall appoint from outside its  
18 own number an Inspector General or enter into an  
19 intergovernmental agreement with another unit of local  
20 government for the appointment of an Inspector General. The  
21 board of commissioners shall establish minimum qualifications  
22 and duties for the Inspector General by ordinance or  
23 intergovernmental agreement.

24 The board, through the budget process, shall set the  
25 compensation of all the officers and employees of the sanitary  
26 district. Any incumbent of the office of president may appoint

1 an administrative aide which appointment remains in force  
2 during his incumbency unless revoked by the president.

3 Effective upon the election in January, 1985 of the  
4 president and vice-president of the board of commissioners and  
5 the chairman of the committee on finance, the annual salary of  
6 the president shall be \$37,500 and shall be increased to  
7 \$39,500 in January, 1987, \$41,500 in January, 1989, \$50,000 in  
8 January, 1991, and \$60,000 in January, 2001; the annual salary  
9 of the vice-president shall be \$35,000 and shall be increased  
10 to \$37,000 in January, 1987, \$39,000 in January, 1989, \$45,000  
11 in January, 1991, and \$55,000 in January, 2001; the annual  
12 salary of the chairman of the committee on finance shall be  
13 \$32,500 and shall be increased to \$34,500 in January, 1987,  
14 \$36,500 in January, 1989, \$45,000 in January, 1991, and  
15 \$55,000 in January, 2001.

16 The annual salaries of the other members of the Board  
17 shall be as follows:

18 For the three members elected in November, 1980,  
19 \$26,500 per annum for the first two years of the term;  
20 \$28,000 per annum for the next two years of the term and  
21 \$30,000 per annum for the last two years.

22 For the three members elected in November, 1982,  
23 \$28,000 per annum for the first two years of the term and  
24 \$30,000 per annum thereafter.

25 For members elected in November, 1984, \$30,000 per  
26 annum.

1           For the three members elected in November, 1986,  
2           \$32,000 for each of the first two years of the term,  
3           \$34,000 for each of the next two years and \$36,000 for the  
4           last two years;

5           For three members elected in November, 1988, \$34,000  
6           for each of the first two years of the term and \$36,000 for  
7           each year thereafter.

8           For members elected in November, 1990, 1992, 1994,  
9           1996, or 1998, \$40,000.

10          For members elected in November, 2000 and thereafter,  
11          \$50,000.

12          Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section, the  
13          board, prior to January 1, 2007 and with a two-thirds vote, may  
14          increase the annual rate of compensation at a separate flat  
15          amount for each of the following: the president, the  
16          vice-president, the chairman of the committee on finance, and  
17          the other members; the increased annual rate of compensation  
18          shall apply to all such officers and members whose terms as  
19          members of the board commence after the increase in  
20          compensation is adopted by the board.

21          The board of commissioners has full power to pass all  
22          necessary ordinances, orders, rules, resolutions and  
23          regulations for the proper management and conduct of the  
24          business of the board of commissioners and the corporation and  
25          for carrying into effect the object for which the sanitary  
26          district is formed. All ordinances, orders, rules, resolutions



1 and regulations passed by the board of commissioners must,  
2 before they take effect, be approved by the president of the  
3 board of commissioners. If he approves thereof, he shall sign  
4 them, and such as he does not approve he shall return to the  
5 board of commissioners with his objections in writing at the  
6 next regular meeting of the board of commissioners occurring  
7 after the passage thereof. Such veto may extend to any one or  
8 more items or appropriations contained in any ordinance making  
9 an appropriation, or to the entire ordinance. If the veto  
10 extends to a part of such ordinance, the residue takes effect.  
11 If the president of such board of commissioners fails to  
12 return any ordinance, order, rule, resolution or regulation  
13 with his objections thereto in the time required, he is deemed  
14 to have approved it, and it takes effect accordingly. Upon the  
15 return of any ordinance, order, rule, resolution, or  
16 regulation by the president, the vote by which it was passed  
17 must be reconsidered by the board of commissioners, and if  
18 upon such reconsideration two-thirds of all the members agree  
19 by yeas and nays to pass it, it takes effect notwithstanding  
20 the president's refusal to approve thereof.

21 It is the policy of this State that all powers granted,  
22 either expressly or by necessary implication, by this Act or  
23 any other Illinois statute to the District may be exercised by  
24 the District notwithstanding effects on competition. It is the  
25 intention of the General Assembly that the "State action  
26 exemption" to the application of federal antitrust statutes be

1 fully available to the District to the extent its activities  
2 are authorized by law as stated herein.

3 (Source: P.A. 102-808, eff. 5-13-22.)

4 (70 ILCS 2605/4.13) (from Ch. 42, par. 323.13)

5 Sec. 4.13. The following offices and places of employment,  
6 insofar as there are or may be such in the sanitary district,  
7 shall not be included within the classified civil service: All  
8 elective officers, the deputy executive director, the director  
9 of human resources, the clerk, treasurer, director of  
10 engineering, general counsel, executive director, director of  
11 maintenance and operations, director of procurement and  
12 materials management, director of monitoring and research,  
13 director of information technology, public and  
14 intergovernmental affairs officer, administrative services  
15 officer, and secretary and administrative aide to the  
16 president of the board of trustees, members of the civil  
17 service board and special examiners appointed by the civil  
18 service board and the aides ~~secretaries~~ to the officers and  
19 individual trustees, and those employed for periods not  
20 exceeding 5 years under any apprentice program, training or  
21 intern programs funded wholly or in part by grants from the  
22 State of Illinois or the United States of America. Further,  
23 apprentices in a sanitary district apprenticeship program for  
24 the trades shall not be included within the classified civil  
25 service. Entry into a sanitary district apprenticeship program

1 for the trades shall be by lottery. Graduates of a sanitary  
2 district apprenticeship program for the trades shall be given  
3 additional points, in an amount to be determined by the  
4 Director of Human Resources, on examinations for civil service  
5 journeymen positions in the trades at the sanitary district.

6 (Source: P.A. 99-736, eff. 1-1-17.)