



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB3333

Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Thaddeus Jones

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

65 ILCS 5/3.1-55-30 new

Amends the Municipal Code. Provides that, if a municipality employs a municipal officer with the purpose of providing legal counsel to the corporate authorities of the municipality or to represent the municipality in legal proceedings, including, but not limited to, a city attorney, then the corporate authorities of the municipality shall not employ or seek outside counsel to represent the municipality. Provides that, the corporate authorities of a municipality may seek outside counsel if the corporate authorities believe in good faith that there is a conflict of interest with regard to the municipal officer with the purpose of providing legal counsel to the corporate authorities of the municipality or to represent the municipality in legal proceedings.

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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 Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
5 adding Section 3.1-55-30 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/3.1-55-30 new)

7 Sec. 3.1-55-30. Outside counsel restriction. If a
8 municipality employs a municipal officer with the purpose of
9 providing legal counsel to the corporate authorities of the
10 municipality or to represent the municipality in legal
11 proceedings, including, but not limited to, a city attorney,
12 then the corporate authorities of the municipality shall not
13 employ or seek outside counsel to represent the municipality.
14 This Section does not prohibit the corporate authorities of a
15 municipality from seeking outside counsel to represent the
16 municipality if the corporate authorities believe in good
17 faith that there is a conflict of interest with regard to the
18 municipal officer with the purpose of providing legal counsel
19 to the corporate authorities of the municipality or to
20 represent the municipality in legal proceedings.