



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

**HB5498**

Introduced 2/13/2026, by Rep. Natalie A. Manley

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/5-1195 new

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2027, every county with a population over 600,000 shall create a tourism and convention bureau. Provides that a tourism and convention bureau shall have the same powers and duties as a tourism and convention bureau created under the Tourism Preservation and Sustainability District Act, except that the tourism and convention bureau shall immediately be eligible for State tourism dollars and grant funding. Provides that the governing body of the tourism and convention bureau shall consist of a board of 25 members. Provides that the county board shall appoint the members of the board. Provides that the members of the board of the tourism and convention bureau shall elect the leader of the board of the tourism and convention bureau by simple majority. Effective immediately.

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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 Counties Code is amended by adding Section  
5 5-1195 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-1195 new)

7 Sec. 5-1195. County tourism bureaus.

8 (a) Beginning January 1, 2027, every county with a  
9 population over 600,000 shall create a tourism and convention  
10 bureau. A tourism and convention bureau shall have the same  
11 powers and duties as a tourism and convention bureau created  
12 under the Tourism Preservation and Sustainability District  
13 Act, except that the tourism and convention bureau shall  
14 immediately be eligible for State tourism dollars and grant  
15 funding.

16 (b) The governing body of the tourism and convention  
17 bureau shall consist of a board of 25 members. The county board  
18 shall appoint the members of the board. The members of the  
19 board of the tourism and convention bureau shall elect the  
20 leader of the board of the tourism and convention bureau by  
21 simple majority.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.