

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 Emergency Services Districts Act is amended
5 by adding Section 6.5.1 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 2005/6.5.1 new)

7 Sec. 6.5.1. Seven-member board.

8 (a) Any board of trustees of an emergency services
9 district may provide for the establishment of a 7-member board
10 of trustees by adopting an ordinance to that effect.

11 (1) When such an ordinance has been adopted by an
12 appointed board, the appropriate appointing authority
13 shall, within 60 days of the date of the adoption of the
14 ordinance or proposition, appoint 2 additional trustees to
15 the board of trustees, one to hold office for 2 years and
16 one to hold office for 4 years from the second Monday of
17 December succeeding the next general election for members
18 of the General Assembly, and until their successors are
19 appointed and qualified. The lengths of the terms of these
20 2 additional members shall be determined by lot at the
21 first meeting of the board of trustees held after the 2
22 additional members take office. The 5 trustees already
23 holding office in the district shall continue to hold

1 office for the remainder of their respective terms.
2 Thereafter, the terms of the 2 additional members shall be
3 4 years. The appropriate appointing authority shall
4 appoint additional members as necessary to maintain a
5 7-member board of trustees.

6 (2) When such an ordinance has been adopted by an
7 elected board, then 2 trustees shall be elected at the
8 next consolidated election for trustees as provided in the
9 general election law and shall serve one for 2 years and
10 one for 4 years, the length of the term of each to be
11 determined by lot at the first board meeting following the
12 election. Thereafter, one trustee or 2 trustees, as
13 necessary to maintain a 7-member board of trustees, shall
14 be elected at the election provided by the general
15 election law for a term of 4 years. Trustees in office on
16 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th
17 General Assembly shall continue to hold office for the
18 remainder of their terms. The term of each elected trustee
19 shall commence on the first Monday in the month following
20 his or her election, and each shall hold office until his
21 or her term expires and until a successor is elected and
22 qualified.

23 (b) Upon presentation of a petition to an elected or
24 appointed 5-member board of trustees, signed by not less than
25 5% of the electors of the district governed by the board,
26 requesting that a proposition to increase the board of

1 trustees to a 7-member board be submitted to the electors of
2 the district, the secretary of the board of trustees shall
3 certify the proposition to the appropriate election
4 authorities who shall submit the proposition at a regular
5 election in accordance with the general election law. The
6 proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

7 -----
8 "Shall the number of trustees YES
9 of the Emergency Services District be -----
10 increased from 5 to 7?" NO

11 -----
12 The election authority must record the votes as "Yes" or
13 "No".

14 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition are in
15 the affirmative, the board of trustees of the district shall
16 thereafter be increased to a 7-member board and the 2
17 additional trustees shall be elected or appointed as provided
18 by this Section.

19 (c) Any appointed or elected board of trustees of an
20 emergency services district that has established a 7-member
21 board of trustees by ordinance under subsection (a) may
22 provide for a return to a 5-member board of trustees by
23 adopting an ordinance to that effect.

24 (1) When such an ordinance has been adopted by an
25 appointed board, the terms of the 7 persons serving on the
26 board at the time of the adoption of the ordinance shall be

1 terminated upon the adoption of the ordinance, except that
2 they shall continue to serve until the 5-member board
3 under this subsection has been selected and qualified. The
4 appropriate appointing authority shall appoint the
5 5-member board within 60 days after the adoption of the
6 ordinance. The appointments shall be made under Section 6
7 of this Act. Persons serving on the 7-member board shall
8 be eligible for appointment to the 5-member board under
9 this subsection.

10 (2) When such an ordinance has been adopted by an
11 elected board, the terms of the 7 persons serving on the
12 board at the time of the adoption of the ordinance shall be
13 terminated upon the adoption of the ordinance, except that
14 they shall continue to serve until the 5-member board
15 under this subsection has been elected and qualified. If
16 an ordinance is adopted to return to a 5-member board,
17 then the 5 trustees shall be elected at the next
18 consolidated election for trustees as provided in the
19 general election law. Persons serving on the 7-member
20 board shall be eligible for election to the 5-member board
21 under this subsection.

22 (d) Upon presentation of a petition, signed by not less
23 than 5% of the electors of the district governed by the board,
24 requesting that a proposition to decrease the board of
25 trustees to a 5-member board be submitted to the electors of
26 the district, the Secretary shall certify the proposition to

1 the appropriate election authorities who shall submit the
2 proposition for question at the next regular election in
3 accordance with the general election law.

4 The election authority must submit the question in
5 substantially the following form:

6 -----
7 "Shall the number of trustees YES
8 of the Emergency Services District be -----
9 decreased from 7 to 5?" NO

10 -----
11 The election authority must record the votes as "Yes" or
12 "No".

13 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition are in
14 the affirmative, the board shall be decreased to a 5-member
15 board. The terms of the 7 persons serving on the board at the
16 time of the reduction of the number of members to 5 shall
17 terminate upon certification of the election results, except
18 that they shall continue to serve until the 5-member board is
19 appointed and qualified or elected and qualified.

20 In the case of an appointed board, the appointing
21 authority shall within 60 days after the certification of the
22 election results, appoint 5 trustees to the board in
23 accordance with Section 6 of this Act.

24 In the case of an elected board, 5 trustees shall be
25 elected at the next election at which the emergency services
26 district trustees are to be elected in accordance with general

1 election law. The terms of the trustees shall be determined by
2 lot at the first board meeting following the election.
3 Thereafter, the terms of all elected trustees shall be 4
4 years.