

SB4065



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/24/2026, by Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

65 ILCS 5/1-1-14 new

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that, upon adoption of an enacting ordinance by a majority vote of the corporate authorities then holding office, a municipality with a population of more than 5,000 may exercise the powers and authorities provided to home rule units under Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution. Effective January 1, 2027.

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A BILL FOR

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 1-1-14 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/1-1-14 new)

7 Sec. 1-1-14. Home rule powers for nonhome rule
8 municipalities.

9 (a) Upon adoption of an enacting ordinance by a majority
10 vote of the corporate authorities then holding office, a
11 municipality with a population of more than 5,000 inhabitants
12 may exercise the powers and authorities provided to home rule
13 units under Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois
14 Constitution.

15 (b) A municipality that has adopted an ordinance under
16 subsection (a) may rescind the local enactment of powers and
17 authorities under this Section by adoption of an ordinance
18 approved by a majority vote of the corporate authorities then
19 holding office, or by approval of a referendum submitted to
20 the voters of the municipality, which shall include an
21 effective date not less than 6 months after its adoption.

22 (c) If a municipality that has adopted an ordinance under
23 subsection (a) suffers a loss in population so that its

1 population determined as provided in Section 1-7-2 is 5,000 or
2 less, then the municipality may continue to exercise the
3 powers of a home rule unit until it holds a referendum to
4 become a home rule unit. Unless the referendum is held sooner,
5 the municipal clerk shall certify for submission to the voters
6 of the municipality at the next general election following the
7 determination of population, in the manner provided by the
8 general election law, the proposition of whether the
9 municipality shall elect to become a home rule unit. If the
10 municipality does not elect to become a home rule unit, then
11 the municipality may not continue to exercise the powers of a
12 home rule unit.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
14 1, 2027.