



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB2341

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 200/Art. 2.5 heading new
35 ILCS 200/2.5-5 new
35 ILCS 200/2.5-10 new
35 ILCS 200/3-70
35 ILCS 200/19-33 new
70 ILCS 905/27 new

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that the county board of Lake County, by ordinance, or the voters of Lake County, by backdoor referendum, may vote to discontinue all offices of the township assessor in the county. Provides petition and referendum requirements. Provides that after the adoption of an ordinance, or after the approval of a backdoor referendum, to discontinue all offices of township assessor in Lake County, the office of township assessor is discontinued in each township at the end of each township assessor's term. Provides that at the end of each township assessor's term: (i) the Chief County Assessment Officer of Lake County assumes the duties of the township assessor; (ii) the county board members become the board of health for any public health district in the township; and (iii) the office of the township collector of the township ceases and the county treasurer assumes the duties of the township collector. Amends the Public Health District Act making conforming changes. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 Property Tax Code is amended by changing
5 Section 3-70 and by adding Article 2.5 and Section 19-33 as
6 follows:

7 (35 ILCS 200/Art. 2.5 heading new)

8 Article 2.5. Discontinuance of Offices of
9 Township Assessor in Lake County

10 (35 ILCS 200/2.5-5 new)

11 Sec. 2.5-5. Ordinance to discontinue all offices of
12 township assessor in Lake County; backdoor referendum.

13 (a) All offices of township assessor may be discontinued in
14 Lake County by an ordinance of the county board.

15 (b) If, upon the adoption of an ordinance by the county
16 board to end all offices of township assessor, 10% of the
17 registered voters sign a petition requesting the dissolution be
18 subject to a referendum, a backdoor referendum shall be
19 submitted to the voters at the next general election as
20 provided in Section 2.5-10 of this Article.

21 (35 ILCS 200/2.5-10 new)

1 Sec. 2.5-10. Referendum; approval.

2 (a) If a petition for a referendum is filed with the county
3 clerk that meets the requirements of subsection (b) of Section
4 2.5-5 of this Article, a referendum, subject to the
5 requirements of Section 16-7 of the Election Code, shall be
6 placed on the ballot at the next general election in
7 substantially the following form:

8 Shall all offices of township assessor be abolished in
9 Lake County and the duties of each township assessor be
10 transferred to the Chief County Assessment Officer of Lake
11 County?

12 The votes shall be recorded as "Yes" or "No". The referendum is
13 approved when a majority of the voters approve the referendum.

14 (b) After the adoption of an ordinance under subsection (a)
15 of Section 2.5-5, or after the approval of a referendum of a
16 majority of voters under this Section, the office of township
17 assessor is discontinued in each township in Lake County at the
18 end of each township assessor's term. At the end of each
19 township assessor's term: (i) the Chief County Assessment
20 Officer of Lake County assumes the duties of the township
21 assessor under this Code; (ii) the county board members become
22 the board of health for any public health district in the
23 township under the Public Health District Act; and (iii) the
24 office of the township collector of the township ceases and the
25 county treasurer assumes the duties of the township collector
26 under this Code.

1 (35 ILCS 200/3-70)

2 Sec. 3-70. Cessation or discontinuance of township
3 assessor ~~Township Assessor~~.

4 (a) If the office of Township Assessor in a coterminous
5 township ceases as provided in Articles 27 and 28 of the
6 Township Code, then the coterminous municipality shall assume
7 the duties of the township assessor ~~Township Assessor~~ under
8 this Code.

9 (b) If the offices of township assessor in Lake County are
10 discontinued as provided in Article 2.5 of this Code, then, at
11 the end of each township assessor's term, the Chief County
12 Assessment Officer shall assume the duties of each township
13 assessor under this Code.

14 (Source: P.A. 98-127, eff. 8-2-13; 99-474, eff. 8-27-15.)

15 (35 ILCS 200/19-33 new)

16 Sec. 19-33. Discontinuance of township collector. If the
17 offices of township assessor in Lake County are discontinued as
18 provided in Article 2.5 of this Code, then, at the end of each
19 township assessor's term, the office of the township collector
20 of the township ceases and the county treasurer assumes the
21 duties of the township collector under this Code.

22 Section 10. The Public Health District Act is amended by
23 adding Section 27 as follows:

1 (70 ILCS 905/27 new)

2 Sec. 27. Discontinuance of Lake County township assessors.

3 If the offices of township assessor in Lake County are
4 discontinued as provided in Article 2.5 of the Property Tax
5 Code, then the county board members shall be the board of
6 health for the public health district under this Act.

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.