

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 changing
5 Section 5-1049.2 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-1049.2)

7 Sec. 5-1049.2. Lease of county property.

8 (a) The county board may lease real estate acquired or
9 held by the county for any term not exceeding 99 years and may
10 lease the real estate when, in the opinion of the county board,
11 the real estate is no longer necessary, appropriate, required
12 for the use of, profitable to, or for the best interests of the
13 county. The authority to lease shall be exercised by an
14 ordinance passed by three-fourths of the full county board
15 ~~members~~ then holding office, at any regular meeting or at any
16 special meeting called for that purpose. ~~However, the county~~
17 ~~board may authorize any county officer to make leases for~~
18 ~~terms not exceeding 2 years in a manner determined by the~~
19 ~~Board.~~

20 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), upon three-fourths
21 vote, by the full county board, the county board may lease
22 farmland acquired or held by the county for any term not
23 exceeding 5 years. Farmland may be leased to either public or

1 private entities via a cash lease, crop-sharing arrangement,
2 or custom farming arrangement. The bid process for a lease
3 entered into under this subsection must be publicly advertised
4 and sealed bids must be opened at a county board meeting for
5 public review. Counties shall not acquire farmland for the
6 sole purpose of entering into a cash lease, crop-sharing
7 arrangement, or custom farming arrangement or other
8 speculative purpose.

9 (Source: P.A. 88-526.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.