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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1740

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1740 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Rescue Squad Districts Act is amended by  
5 changing Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6.5, 7, 8, 11, 11.5, 13,  
6 14, and 15 and by adding Sections 2.5, 11.3, and 11.4 as  
7 follows:

8 (70 ILCS 2005/1) (from Ch. 85, par. 6851)

9 Sec. 1. This Act may be cited as the Emergency Services  
10 ~~Rescue Squad~~ Districts Act.

11 (Source: P.A. 86-916.)

12 (70 ILCS 2005/2) (from Ch. 85, par. 6852)

13 Sec. 2. Any contiguous territory having a population of  
14 not less than 300 inhabitants and no part of which is already  
15 included in an emergency services ~~a rescue squad~~ district, and

1 no part of which is located in a fire protection district that  
2 provides rescue services, may be organized as an emergency  
3 services ~~a rescue squad~~ district as provided in this Act.  
4 However, an emergency services district may be organized in  
5 whole or in part within a fire protection district that  
6 provides rescue services if the emergency services district is  
7 formed and operated solely to provide ambulance services.

8 Any 5% of the legal voters within the limits of the  
9 proposed emergency services ~~rescue squad~~ district may petition  
10 the circuit court for the county in which the territory lies to  
11 order the question whether the territory shall be organized as  
12 an emergency services ~~a rescue squad~~ district under this Act  
13 to be submitted to the legal voters of the territory, but every  
14 petition shall be signed by at least 25 legal voters residing  
15 within the territory proposed to be organized as an emergency  
16 services ~~a rescue squad~~ district, and in case the territory  
17 includes more than one city, village or incorporated town, or  
18 any portions thereof, or includes one or more cities, villages  
19 or incorporated towns, or any portion thereof, and territory  
20 not a part of any city, village or incorporated town, then the  
21 petition must be signed by at least 5% of the legal voters  
22 residing in each of those cities, villages, or incorporated  
23 towns, or portions thereof, and by at least 5% of the legal  
24 voters residing in the territory not a part of any city,  
25 village or incorporated town. The petition shall contain a  
26 definite description of the boundaries of the territory

1 proposed to be organized as an emergency services ~~a rescue~~  
2 ~~squad~~ district, and shall set forth the name of the proposed  
3 district, which name shall be The .... Emergency Services  
4 ~~Rescue Squad~~ District.

5 (Source: P.A. 86-916.)

6 (70 ILCS 2005/2.5 new)

7 Sec. 2.5. Rescue squad district continuance. A rescue  
8 squad district organized under this Act before the effective  
9 date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly may  
10 (i) continue to be named a rescue squad district or be renamed  
11 an emergency services district by ordinance of the board of  
12 trustees of the district, (ii) operate under the provisions of  
13 this Act as if they were organized as an emergency services  
14 district, and (iii) continue exercising taxing authority  
15 granted to it that was approved before the effective date of  
16 this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly and the  
17 taxes may be used for any purpose allowed under this Act.

18 (70 ILCS 2005/3) (from Ch. 85, par. 6853)

19 Sec. 3. Upon the filing of a petition in the office of the  
20 circuit clerk, the court to whom the petition is addressed  
21 shall give notice of the time and place of a hearing on the  
22 question of the necessity for the organization of an emergency  
23 services ~~a rescue squad~~ district and of the boundaries of the  
24 proposed district. The notice shall be published at least once

1 each week for 2 weeks in one or more newspapers of general  
2 circulation in the proposed district, and a copy of the notice  
3 shall be posted in at least 10 of the most public places in the  
4 proposed district at least 10 days before the hearing. The  
5 hearing shall be held within 20 days after the petition is  
6 filed with the circuit clerk.

7 The court shall preside at the hearing, and all persons  
8 resident within the territory proposed to be organized as an  
9 emergency services ~~a rescue squad~~ district shall be given an  
10 opportunity to be heard touching the necessity of the  
11 organization of a district and to make suggestions regarding  
12 the boundaries of the district. After hearing the statements,  
13 evidence and suggestions, if the court determines that  
14 considerations of public health and welfare make the  
15 organization of a district necessary, it shall fix the  
16 boundaries of the proposed emergency services ~~rescue squad~~  
17 district and, for that purpose and to that extent, may alter  
18 and amend the petition. In case the boundaries as fixed by the  
19 court include any territory not included in the boundaries as  
20 described in the original petition, the court shall cause a  
21 notice to be inserted at least twice in some newspaper of  
22 general circulation in the additional territory, which notice  
23 shall state the time and place at which a hearing will be held  
24 to permit the owners of the land in the additional territory to  
25 appear and be heard on the question of including the  
26 additional territory. The notice shall be published at least

1 10 days before the hearing, and the hearing shall be held  
2 within 3 weeks after the court first fixes the boundaries. At  
3 the hearing the boundaries of the proposed district shall be  
4 finally fixed by the court.

5 (Source: P.A. 86-916.)

6 (70 ILCS 2005/4) (from Ch. 85, par. 6854)

7 Sec. 4. The determination of the court as to the necessity  
8 for the organization of the proposed emergency services ~~rescue~~  
9 ~~squad~~ district, together with the description of the  
10 boundaries of the district as fixed by the court, shall be  
11 entered of record in the court. Thereupon the court shall  
12 certify the question of the organization of the territory  
13 included within the boundaries fixed by it as an emergency  
14 services ~~a rescue squad~~ district to the proper election  
15 officials, who shall submit the question to the legal voters  
16 resident within the territory at an election to be held in the  
17 district. Notice of the referendum shall be given and the  
18 referendum conducted in the manner provided by the general  
19 election law. The notice of the election shall state the  
20 purpose of the referendum, describe the territory proposed to  
21 be organized as an emergency services ~~a rescue squad~~ district,  
22 and state the time of the election.

23 The proposition shall be in substantially the following  
24 form:

25 -----

1           Shall this territory (describing  
 2 it) be organized as The ..... YES  
 3 Emergency Services ~~Rescue Squad~~  
 4 District and shall the  
 5 District be authorized to levy and -----  
 6 collect a property tax not to exceed  
 7 .20% on the property situated in the NO  
 8 District?  
 9 -----

10           The court shall cause a statement of the result to be  
 11 entered of record in the court.  
 12 (Source: P.A. 86-916.)

13           (70 ILCS 2005/5) (from Ch. 85, par. 6855)  
 14           Sec. 5. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are  
 15 in favor of the organization of the territory as an emergency  
 16 services ~~a rescue squad~~ district, the territory shall be an  
 17 organized emergency services ~~rescue squad~~ district under this  
 18 Act. The district shall have the name set forth in the petition  
 19 and by such name may transact all corporate business. The name  
 20 of a rescue squad district may be modified under Section 2.5.  
 21 The district shall constitute a body corporate and politic.  
 22 All courts of this State shall take judicial notice of the  
 23 organization of the emergency services ~~rescue squad~~ district.  
 24 (Source: P.A. 86-916.)

1 (70 ILCS 2005/6) (from Ch. 85, par. 6856)

2 Sec. 6. Within 60 days after the organization of an  
3 emergency services ~~any rescue squad~~ district under the  
4 provisions of this Act, a board of trustees, consisting of 5  
5 members, for the government and control of the affairs and  
6 business of the emergency services ~~rescue squad~~ district shall  
7 be appointed in the following manner:

8 (1) If the district lies wholly within a single  
9 township, the board of trustees of that township shall  
10 appoint the trustees for the district, but no township  
11 official is eligible for such appointment.

12 (2) If the district is not contained wholly within a  
13 single township, but is located wholly within a single  
14 county, the trustees for the district shall be appointed  
15 by the presiding officer of the county board, with the  
16 advice and consent of the county board.

17 (3) If the district lies wholly within a municipality,  
18 the governing body of the municipality shall appoint  
19 trustees for the district.

20 (4) If the district does not conform to any of the  
21 foregoing classifications, the trustees for the district  
22 shall be from each county in the district in numbers  
23 proportionate, as nearly as practicable, to the number of  
24 residents of the district who reside in each county in  
25 relation to the total population of the district. Trustees  
26 shall be appointed by the county board of their respective

1 counties, or in the case of a home rule county as defined  
2 by Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution,  
3 by the chief executive officer of that county, with the  
4 advice and consent of the county board.

5 Upon the expiration of the term of a trustee who is in  
6 office at the time of the publication of each decennial  
7 federal census of population, the successor shall be a  
8 resident of whichever county is entitled to the representation  
9 in order to bring about the proportional representation  
10 required by this Act, and the successor shall be appointed by  
11 the appointing authority of that county. Thereafter, each  
12 trustee shall be succeeded by a resident of the same county,  
13 who shall be appointed by the same appointing authority. Of  
14 the trustees first appointed, 3 shall hold office until the  
15 second Monday in December after the next succeeding general  
16 election for members of the General Assembly and 2 shall hold  
17 office until the second Monday in December 2 years after the  
18 next succeeding general election for members of the General  
19 Assembly, and until their successors are appointed and  
20 qualified. Thereafter, the trustees of the district shall be  
21 appointed in every year in which the term of any of the  
22 trustees expires and shall hold office for 4 years and until  
23 their successors are appointed and qualified. Each trustee  
24 shall be a legal voter in the district. Each trustee shall be  
25 compensated at the same rate, which shall not exceed \$750 per  
26 fiscal year, as determined by the board of trustees.



1 Whenever a vacancy occurs in the board of trustees the  
2 appropriate appointing authority shall appoint some person to  
3 fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

4 (Source: P.A. 86-916.)

5 (70 ILCS 2005/6.5)

6 Sec. 6.5. Change to elected board of trustees; petition;  
7 election; ballot; nomination and election of trustees. An  
8 emergency services ~~Any rescue squad~~ district organized under  
9 this Act may have an elected, rather than an appointed, board  
10 of trustees if approved by referendum. Upon presentation to  
11 the board of trustees of a petition, signed by not less than  
12 10% of the electors of the district, requesting that a  
13 proposition for the election of trustees be submitted to the  
14 electors of the district, the secretary of the board of  
15 trustees shall certify the proposition to the appropriate  
16 election authorities who shall submit the proposition at a  
17 regular election in accordance with the general election law.  
18 The general election law shall apply to and govern such  
19 election. The proposition shall be in substantially the  
20 following form:

21 -----  
22 Shall the trustees of ..... YES  
23 Emergency Services ~~Rescue Squad~~  
24 District be elected, rather -----  
25 than appointed? NO

1 -----  
2           If a majority of the votes cast on such proposition  
3           are in the affirmative, the trustees of the district shall  
4           thereafter be elected as provided by this Section.

5           At the next regular election for trustees as provided by  
6           the general election law, a district that has approved by  
7           referendum to have its trustees elected rather than appointed  
8           shall elect 5 initial trustees. The initial elected trustees  
9           shall be elected as follows: 2 shall be elected for terms of 2  
10          years, 2 for terms of 4 years, and one for a term of 6 years.  
11          Except as otherwise provided in Section 2A-54 of the Election  
12          Code, the term of each elected trustee shall commence on the  
13          third Monday of the month following the month of his or her  
14          election and until his or her successor is elected and  
15          qualified. The length of the terms of the trustees first  
16          elected shall be determined by lot at their first meeting.  
17          Thereafter, except as otherwise provided in Section 2A-54 of  
18          the Election Code, each trustee shall be elected to serve for a  
19          term of 4 years commencing on the third Monday of the month  
20          following the month of his or her election and until his or her  
21          successor is elected and qualified.

22          No party designation shall appear on the ballot for  
23          election of trustees. The provisions of the general election  
24          law shall apply to and govern the nomination and election of  
25          trustees.

26          Nominations for members of the board of trustees shall be

1 made by a petition signed by at least 25 voters or 5% of the  
2 voters, whichever is less, residing within the district and  
3 shall be filed with the secretary of the board. In addition to  
4 the requirements of general election law, the form of the  
5 petition shall be as follows:

6 NOMINATING PETITIONS

7 To the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of (name of  
8 emergency services ~~rescue squad~~ district):

9 We, the undersigned, being (number of signatories or 5% or  
10 more) of the voters residing within the district, hereby  
11 petition that (name of candidate) who resides at (address of  
12 candidate) in this district shall be a candidate for the  
13 office of (office) of the Board of Trustees (full-term or  
14 vacancy) to be voted for at the election to be held (date of  
15 election).

16 The secretary of the board shall notify each candidate for  
17 whom a petition for nomination has been filed of their  
18 obligations under the Campaign Financing Act, as required by  
19 the general election law. The notice shall be given on a form  
20 prescribed by the State Board of Elections and in accordance  
21 with the requirements of the general election law.

22 The secretary shall, within 7 days of filing or on the last  
23 day for filing, whichever is earlier, acknowledge to the  
24 petitioner in writing his acceptance of the petition.

25 The provisions of Section 6 relating to eligibility and  
26 compensation of trustees shall apply equally to elected

1 trustees.

2 Whenever an emergency services ~~a rescue squad~~ district  
3 determines to elect trustees as provided in this Section, the  
4 trustees appointed pursuant to Section 6 shall continue to  
5 constitute the board of trustees until the third Monday of the  
6 month following the month of the first election of trustees.  
7 If the term of office of any appointed trustees expires before  
8 the first election of trustees, the authority which appointed  
9 that trustee under Section 6 of this Act shall appoint a  
10 successor to serve until a successor is elected and has  
11 qualified. The terms of all appointed trustees in such  
12 district shall expire on the third Monday of the month  
13 following the month of the first election of trustees under  
14 this Section or when successors have been elected and have  
15 qualified, whichever occurs later.

16 (Source: P.A. 99-295, eff. 8-6-15.)

17 (70 ILCS 2005/7) (from Ch. 85, par. 6857)

18 Sec. 7. The trustees appointed in accordance with this Act  
19 shall constitute a board of trustees for the emergency  
20 services ~~rescue squad~~ district for which they are appointed,  
21 and that board of trustees is declared to be the corporate  
22 authority of the district and shall exercise all of the powers  
23 and control all of the affairs and property of the district.  
24 The board of trustees may provide and adopt a corporate seal.  
25 Immediately after their appointment and at their first meeting

1 in December of each year thereafter, the board of trustees  
2 shall elect one of their number as president, one as  
3 secretary, and one as treasurer, and shall elect such other  
4 officers as may be necessary. The board of trustees shall  
5 provide for the time and place of holding regular meetings and  
6 may establish rules for board proceedings. Special meetings  
7 may be called by the president of the board or by any 3  
8 trustees, but each member of the board shall be given notice of  
9 a special meeting at least 24 hours before the meeting. All of  
10 the meetings of the board, whether regular or special, shall  
11 be open to the public. A majority of the board of trustees  
12 shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn  
13 from day to day. The board shall keep a regular book of records  
14 of all of the proceedings of the board, which book shall be  
15 open to the inspection of any person residing in the district  
16 at all reasonable and proper times.

17 (Source: P.A. 86-916.)

18 (70 ILCS 2005/8) (from Ch. 85, par. 6858)

19 Sec. 8. The board of trustees of the district shall have  
20 power to take all necessary or proper steps to provide rescue  
21 services within the district; to purchase equipment, supplies,  
22 and materials; to recruit, employ, or contract with ambulance,  
23 rescue squad, or both ambulance and rescue squad personnel,  
24 who shall be compensated at a rate determined by the board of  
25 trustees; and generally to do any and all things necessary or

1 incident to the powers granted by this Act and to carry out the  
2 objects of this Act.

3 (Source: P.A. 86-916.)

4 (70 ILCS 2005/11) (from Ch. 85, par. 6861)

5 Sec. 11. An emergency services ~~A rescue squad~~ district  
6 organized under this Act may levy and collect a general tax on  
7 the property situated in the district, but the aggregate  
8 amount of taxes levied for any one year shall not exceed the  
9 rate of .20% of value, as equalized or assessed by the  
10 Department of Revenue. The board of trustees shall determine  
11 and certify the amount to be levied and shall return the same  
12 to the county clerk. The limitation upon the tax rate may be  
13 increased or decreased under the referendum provisions of the  
14 General Revenue Law of Illinois.

15 In case the district is located in more than one county,  
16 the board of trustees shall determine and certify the amount  
17 to be levied upon the taxable property lying in each county and  
18 return the same to the respective county clerks of the  
19 counties in which the amount is to be levied. In order to  
20 determine the amount to be levied upon the taxable property of  
21 that part of the district lying in each county, the board shall  
22 ascertain from the county clerk of the respective counties in  
23 which the district lies the last ascertained equalized value  
24 of the taxable property of the district lying in their  
25 respective counties, then shall ascertain the rate per cent

1 required and shall, accordingly, apportion the whole amount to  
2 be raised between the several parts of the district so lying in  
3 the different counties. The tax provided for in this Section  
4 shall be levied at the same time and in the same manner as  
5 nearly as practicable as taxes are now levied for municipal  
6 purposes under the laws of this State.

7 All general taxes under this Act, when collected, shall be  
8 paid over to the treasurer of the board of trustees, who is  
9 authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

10 (Source: P.A. 86-916.)

11 (70 ILCS 2005/11.3 new)

12 Sec. 11.3. Ambulance service.

13 (a) The board of trustees may provide ambulance service to  
14 or from points within or without the district, contract with  
15 providers of ambulance service, combine with other units of  
16 local government for the purpose of providing ambulance  
17 service, and adopt rules and regulations relating to ambulance  
18 service within the board's jurisdiction.

19 (b) The board of trustees may:

20 (1) contract with a private person, hospital,  
21 corporation, or another governmental unit for the  
22 provision and operation of ambulance service or subsidize  
23 the ambulance service;

24 (2) limit the number of ambulance services by  
25 referendum;

1           (3) within its jurisdiction, fix, charge, and collect  
2           fees for ambulance service within or outside of the fire  
3           protection district not exceeding the reasonable cost of  
4           the service; and

5           (4) establish necessary regulations not inconsistent  
6           with the statutes or regulations of the Department of  
7           Public Health relating to ambulance service.

8           The board of trustees may limit the number of ambulances  
9           under paragraph (2) or establish regulations under paragraph  
10          (4) if a referendum under Section 11.5 has been approved.

11           (70 ILCS 2005/11.4 new)

12           Sec. 11.4. Charge for ambulance service.

13           (a) The board of trustees of a district may fix, charge,  
14           and collect fees not exceeding the reasonable cost of the  
15           service for ambulance services rendered by the district  
16           against persons who are not residents of the district and  
17           against businesses and other entities that are not located  
18           within the district.

19           (b) A fee charged under subsection (a) shall be computed  
20           at a rate not to exceed \$250 per hour and not to exceed \$70 per  
21           hour per ambulance worker responding to a call for assistance.  
22           An additional fee may be charged to reimburse the district for  
23           extraordinary expenses of materials used in rendering  
24           ambulance services. No charge shall be made for services for  
25           which the total charge would be less than \$50.



1       (c) All revenue from the fees charged under this Section  
2       shall be deposited to the district's general fund.

3           (70 ILCS 2005/11.5)

4           Sec. 11.5. Ambulance service tax. Whenever the board of  
5 trustees of an emergency services ~~a rescue squad~~ district  
6 desires to levy a special tax to provide an ambulance service  
7 or support an existing ambulance service, it shall certify the  
8 question to the proper election officials, who shall submit  
9 that question at an election to the voters of the district. The  
10 result of the referendum shall be entered upon the records of  
11 the district. If a majority of the votes on the question are in  
12 favor of the question, the board of trustees may then levy a  
13 special tax at a rate not to exceed 0.40% of the value of all  
14 taxable property within the district as equalized or assessed  
15 by the Department of Revenue. The question shall be in  
16 substantially the following form:

17       -----

18           Shall the ....

19       Emergency Services ~~Rescue Squad~~

20       District levy a special tax at a rate                               YES

21       not to exceed 0.40% of the value of all

22       taxable property within the district                               -----

23       as equalized or assessed by the

24       Department of Revenue for the purpose                               NO

25       of providing or supporting an ambulance

1 service?

2 -----

3 A tax levied under Section 11 may be used for ambulance  
4 services as well as a tax levied under this Section.

5 (Source: P.A. 100-1120, eff. 1-1-19.)

6 (70 ILCS 2005/13) (from Ch. 85, par. 6863)

7 Sec. 13. Any territory lying adjacent and contiguous to an  
8 emergency services ~~a rescue squad~~ district, and not part of  
9 another emergency services ~~rescue squad~~ district and not part  
10 of a fire protection district that provides rescue services,  
11 may be annexed to the district as provided in this Section.

12 Upon petition in writing, describing the territory  
13 proposed to be annexed and signed by a majority of the legal  
14 voters in that territory and by the owners of more than half of  
15 the taxable property in that territory as shown by the last  
16 ascertained equalized value of the taxable property in that  
17 territory being filed with the trustees of the district, the  
18 trustees may annex the territory by a resolution which shall  
19 be published at least once in a newspaper having a general  
20 circulation in the territory and shall include a notice of (1)  
21 the specific number of voters required to sign a petition  
22 requesting that the question of the adoption of the resolution  
23 be submitted to the electors of the territory, (2) the time in  
24 which the petition must be filed, and (3) the date of the  
25 prospective referendum. The county clerk of the county in

1 which the territory is situated shall provide a petition form  
2 to any individual requesting one. The resolution shall be  
3 effective 45 days from the date of publication and is subject  
4 to a referendum, if a referendum is requested, before the  
5 effective date of the resolution, by the lesser of 1,000  
6 voters or 5% of the voters in the district. The trustees may  
7 also order the question of the annexation of the territory to  
8 be submitted to the legal voters of the district at a regular  
9 election by certifying the question to the proper election  
10 officials. Notice of the election shall be given and the  
11 election conducted in the manner provided by the general  
12 election law. The proposition shall be stated as follows:  
13 "Shall the territory (describing it) be annexed to The ....  
14 Emergency Services ~~Rescue Squad~~ District?" If the majority of  
15 all the votes cast on the question is in favor of annexation,  
16 the board of trustees shall so certify to the county clerk, and  
17 within 10 days of the election the trustees by an order duly  
18 entered upon their records shall annex the territory to the  
19 district and shall file a map of the annexed territory in the  
20 office of the county clerk of the county where the annexed  
21 territory is situated. Thereupon the territory shall be deemed  
22 annexed to and shall be a part of the emergency services ~~rescue~~  
23 ~~squad~~ district.

24 (Source: P.A. 86-916.)

1           Sec. 14. A district organized under this Act may be  
2 dissolved and discontinued upon like petition, hearing and  
3 election as is provided in this Act for the organization of a  
4 district. If a majority of the votes cast on the question at  
5 the election are in favor of dissolution, the court shall  
6 enter an order of record in the court dissolving the district.  
7 The trustees of the district shall immediately proceed to wind  
8 up the affairs of the district and shall have the same powers  
9 as before dissolution to levy taxes for the purpose of paying  
10 the debts, obligations and liabilities of the district  
11 outstanding on the date of dissolution and the necessary  
12 expenses of closing up the affairs of the district. All  
13 property of the district shall be sold and, in case any excess  
14 remains after all liabilities of the district are paid, the  
15 excess shall be paid to the various common school districts  
16 located in the district ratably in the proportion that the  
17 taxable value of all the property in each of the school  
18 districts bears to the taxable value of all the property in the  
19 emergency services ~~rescue squad~~ district.

20       (Source: P.A. 86-916.)

21           (70 ILCS 2005/15) (from Ch. 85, par. 6865)

22           Sec. 15. The owner or owners of record of any area of land  
23 consisting of one or more tracts lying within the corporate  
24 limits of an emergency services ~~a rescue squad~~ district may  
25 have the area disconnected from the district as provided in

1 this Section.

2 The owner or owners of record of the tract or tracts of  
3 land shall file a petition in the circuit court of the county  
4 in which the district was organized alleging facts in support  
5 of disconnection, including the following:

6 (1) That the tract or tracts involved are located upon  
7 the border of the district.

8 (2) That disconnection will not result in the  
9 isolation of any part of the district from the remainder  
10 of the district.

11 (3) That disconnection will not destroy or impair the  
12 effectiveness of the district in the performance of its  
13 lawful functions.

14 (4) That disconnection will not jeopardize the  
15 financial position of the district.

16 (5) That disconnection will not adversely affect the  
17 public health and welfare.

18 (6) That rescue services are provided by a fire  
19 protection district or other unit of local government.

20 The district from which disconnection is sought shall be  
21 made a defendant, and it or any taxpayer residing in the  
22 district may appear and defend against the petition. The court  
23 shall set the petition for hearing on a date not less than 30  
24 days after the filing of the petition. If the court finds that  
25 the allegations of the petition are true and that the area of  
26 land is entitled to disconnection, it shall order the

1 specified land disconnected from the district and thereupon  
2 that land shall cease to be a part of the district. The land  
3 shall not, however, be relieved from any bonded indebtedness  
4 of the district previously created as to that land's  
5 proportionate share. The decision of the court is appealable  
6 as in other civil cases.

7 (Source: P.A. 86-916.)

8 Section 10. The Collective Bargaining Freedom Act is  
9 amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

10 (820 ILCS 12/10)

11 Sec. 10. Definitions. In this Act:

12 "Employer" includes any person acting as an agent of an  
13 employer, directly or indirectly, but does not include the  
14 United States or any wholly owned government corporation, or  
15 any Federal Reserve Bank, or any State or political  
16 subdivision thereof, or any person subject to the Railway  
17 Labor Act, 45 U.S.C. 151 et seq., as amended from time to time,  
18 or any labor organization (other than when acting as an  
19 employer), or anyone acting in the capacity of officer or  
20 agent of such labor organization.

21 "Interested party" means a person with an interest in  
22 compliance with this Act.

23 "Labor organization" means any organization of any kind,  
24 or any agency or employee representation committee or plan, in

1 which employees participate and that exists for the purpose,  
2 in whole or in part, of dealing with employers concerning  
3 grievances, labor disputes, wages, rates of pay, hours of  
4 employment, or conditions of work.

5 "Local government" and "political subdivision" include,  
6 but are not limited to, any county, city, town, township,  
7 village, municipality or subdivision thereof, airport  
8 authority, cemetery district, State college or university,  
9 community college, conservation district, drainage district,  
10 electric agency, exposition and auditorium authority, fire  
11 protection district, flood prevention district, forest  
12 preserve district, home equity program, hospital district,  
13 housing authority, joint action water agency, mass transit  
14 district, mosquito abatement district, multi-township  
15 assessment district, museum district, natural gas agency, park  
16 district, planning agency, port district, public building  
17 commission, public health district, public library district,  
18 public water district, emergency services ~~rescue squad~~  
19 district, river conservancy district, road and bridge  
20 district, road district, sanitary district, school district,  
21 soil and water conservation district, solid waste agency,  
22 special recreation association, street lighting district,  
23 surface water district, transportation authority, water  
24 authority, water commission, water reclamation district, water  
25 service district, municipal corporation, and any other  
26 district, agency, or political subdivision authorized to

1    legislate or enact laws affecting its respective jurisdiction,  
2    notwithstanding such local government or political  
3    subdivision's authority to exercise any power and perform any  
4    function pertaining to its government and affairs granted to  
5    it by the Illinois Constitution, a law, or otherwise.  
6    (Source: P.A. 101-3, eff. 4-12-19.)".