

1 AN ACT in relation to taxation.

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 adding  
5 Section 20-3 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 200/20-3 new)

7 Sec. 20-3. Two-year moratorium on property tax increases.

8 (a) Rate freeze. Notwithstanding any other law to the  
9 contrary and except as otherwise provided in this subsection  
10 (a), for taxable years 2003 and 2004, the rate on any tax  
11 imposed under this Act may not be increased from the rate  
12 imposed in the 2002 taxable year. A school district, however,  
13 may increase property tax rates if the question of increasing  
14 the tax rate is submitted to the electors of the school  
15 district at a regular election and approved by a majority of  
16 the electors voting on the question.

17 (b) Assessment freeze. Notwithstanding any other law to  
18 the contrary and except as otherwise provided in this  
19 subsection (b), for taxable years 2003 and 2004, the  
20 equalized assessed value of property subject to taxation  
21 under this Code shall be the same as the equalized assessed  
22 value of that property for the 2002 taxable year. If,  
23 however, a parcel of property subject to taxation under this  
24 Code is improved by the construction of new or added  
25 buildings, structures, or other improvements during taxable  
26 year 2003 or 2004, the assessment of that property shall be  
27 the assessment for the 2002 taxable year plus the increase in  
28 assessed value solely as a result of the improvement. Once  
29 the 2002 assessment is increased to reflect an improvement,  
30 the assessment for that property shall remain the same for  
31 the duration of the assessment freeze period.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2 becoming law.