

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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Local Government Taxpayer's Relief Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly  
7 finds that taxpayers who finance the operations of local  
8 governments are unfairly burdened by unscrupulous lawsuits  
9 filed by plaintiffs where the plaintiffs' revenues are also  
10 subsidized by local governments through taxpayer-funded  
11 contracts. The purpose of this Act is to terminate public  
12 funds from being used to finance lawsuits against the  
13 taxpayer. Suits against local government as must be  
14 financed without taxpayer funds.

15 Section 10. Definition. In this Act  
16 "Person" means an individual, corporation, vendor,  
17 business trust, partnership, association, or any other  
18 business entity, and includes representatives and agents of  
19 that person.

20 Section 15. Prohibited contracts. No person may bid,  
21 transact, continue to perform, or have any interest in a  
22 contract or agreement let or issued by a unit of local  
23 government or school district if that person has filed a  
24 civil lawsuit naming that unit of local government or school  
25 district as a defendant unless approved by the executive and  
26 a majority of the legislative branch of the unit of local  
27 government.

28 Section 20. Applicability.

1           (a) This Act applies to units of local government,  
2 including home rule units, and school districts. This Act  
3 does not apply to the State or to any office, officer,  
4 department, division, bureau, board, commission, university,  
5 or other agency of the State.

6           (b) This Act applies to all contracts and agreements  
7 entered into before, on, or after the effective date of this  
8 Act.

9           (c) This Act does not apply to any contract or agreement  
10 between an employee and employer as defined in Title 29,  
11 Chapter 18, Subchapter I, Subtitle A, Section 1002 of the  
12 United States Code.

13           Section 25. Home rule. A home rule unit may not act in a  
14 manner inconsistent with the provisions of this Act. This  
15 Section is a limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of  
16 Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent  
17 exercise by home rule units of powers and functions exercised  
18 by the State.

19           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
20 becoming law.