

1 AN ACT regarding higher education.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Public Community College Act is amended
5 by changing Section 3-7 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 805/3-7) (from Ch. 122, par. 103-7)

7 Sec. 3-7. (a) The election of the members of the board
8 of trustees shall be nonpartisan and shall be held at the
9 time and in the manner provided in the general election law.

10 (b) Unless otherwise provided in this Act, members shall
11 be elected to serve 6 year terms. The term of members
12 elected in 1985 and thereafter shall be from the date the
13 member is officially determined to be elected to the board by
14 a canvass conducted pursuant to the Election Code, to the
15 date that the winner of the seat is officially determined by
16 the canvass conducted pursuant to the Election Code the next
17 time the seat on the board is to be filled by election.

18 (c) A board of trustees of a community college district
19 which is contiguous or has been contiguous to an experimental
20 community college district as authorized and defined by
21 Article IV of this Act may, on its own motion, or shall, upon
22 the petition of the lesser of 1/10 or 2,000 of the voters
23 registered in the district, order submitted to the voters of
24 the district at the next general election the proposition for
25 the election of board members by trustee district rather than
26 at large, and such proposition shall thereupon be certified
27 by the secretary of the board to the proper election
28 authority in accordance with the general election law for
29 submission.

30 If the proposition is approved by a majority of those
31 voting on the proposition, the State Board of Elections, in

1 1991, shall reapportion the trustee districts to reflect the
2 results of the last decennial census, and shall divide the
3 community college district into 7 trustee districts, each of
4 which shall be compact, contiguous and substantially equal in
5 population to each other district. In 2001, and in the year
6 following each decennial census thereafter, the board of
7 trustees of community college District #522 shall reapportion
8 the trustee districts to reflect the results of the census,
9 and shall divide the community college district into 7
10 trustee districts, each of which shall be compact,
11 contiguous, and substantially equal in population to each
12 other district. The division of the community college
13 district into trustee districts shall be completed and
14 formally approved by a majority of the members of the board
15 of trustees of community college District #522 in 2001 and in
16 the year following each decennial census. At the same
17 meeting of the board of trustees, the board shall, publicly
18 by lot, divide the trustee districts as equally as possible
19 into 2 groups. Beginning in 2003 and every 10 years
20 thereafter, trustees or their successors from one group shall
21 be elected for successive terms of 4 years and 6 years; and
22 members or their successors from the second group shall be
23 elected for successive terms of 6 years and 4 years. One
24 member shall be elected from each such trustee district.
25 Each member elected in 2001 shall be elected at the 2001
26 consolidated election from the trustee districts established
27 in 1991. The term of each member elected in 2001 shall end
28 on the date that the trustees elected in 2003 are officially
29 determined by a canvass conducted pursuant to the Election
30 Code.

31 (d) In Community College District No. 526, the election
32 of board members shall be by trustee district rather than at
33 large beginning with the consolidated election in 2005. The
34 term of each trustee elected before the effective date of

1 this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly shall end on
2 the date that the trustees elected in 2005 are officially
3 determined by a canvass conducted pursuant to the Election
4 Code.

5 For the 2005 consolidated election, the board shall
6 divide the community college district into 7 trustee
7 districts, each of which shall be compact, contiguous, and
8 substantially equal in population to each other trustee
9 district based on the results of the 2000 decennial census.
10 One trustee shall then be elected from each trustee district
11 to serve a 2-year term. The division of the community college
12 district into trustee districts shall be completed and
13 formally approved by a majority of the members of the board
14 in 2004.

15 For the 2007 and 2011 consolidated elections, the board
16 shall, publicly by lot, divide the trustee districts as
17 equally as possible into 2 groups. Trustees or their
18 successors from the first group shall be elected for
19 successive terms of 2 years and 4 years, and trustees or
20 their successors from the second group shall be elected for
21 successive terms of 4 years and 2 years.

22 In 2011, and in the year following each decennial census
23 thereafter, the board shall reapportion the trustee districts
24 to reflect the results of the census and shall divide the
25 community college district into 7 trustee districts, each of
26 which shall be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal
27 in population to each other trustee district. One trustee
28 shall then be elected from each trustee district. The
29 division of the community college district into trustee
30 districts shall be completed and formally approved by a
31 majority of the members of the board in 2011 and in the year
32 following each decennial census. At the same meeting of the
33 board, the board shall, publicly by lot, divide the trustee
34 districts as equally as possible into 3 groups. Beginning

1 with the 2013 consolidated election and the consolidated
2 election every 10 years thereafter, trustees or their
3 successors from the first group shall be elected for
4 successive terms of 2 years, 4 years, and 4 years; trustees
5 or their successors from the second group shall be elected
6 for successive terms of 4 years, 2 years, and 4 years; and
7 trustees or their successors from the third group shall be
8 elected for successive terms of 4 years, 4 years, and 2
9 years.

10 (e) Each member must on the date of his election be a
11 citizen of the United States, of the age of 18 years or over,
12 and a resident of the State and the territory which on the
13 date of the election is included in the community college
14 district for at least one year immediately preceding his
15 election. In Community College District No. 526, beginning
16 with the consolidated election in 2005, each member must also
17 be a resident of the trustee district he or she represents
18 for at least one year immediately preceding his or her
19 election. In the event a person who is a member of a common
20 school board is elected or appointed to a board of trustees
21 of a community college district, that person shall be
22 permitted to serve the remainder of his or her term of office
23 as a member of the common school board. Upon the expiration
24 of the common school board term, that person shall not be
25 eligible for election or appointment to a common school board
26 during the term of office with the community college district
27 board of trustees.

28 (f) Whenever a vacancy occurs, the remaining members
29 shall fill the vacancy, and the person so appointed shall
30 serve until a successor is elected at the next regular
31 election for board members and is certified in accordance
32 with Sections 22-17 and 22-18 of the Election Code. If the
33 remaining members fail so to act within 60 days after the
34 vacancy occurs, the chairman of the State Board shall fill

1 that vacancy, and the person so appointed shall serve until a
2 successor is elected at the next regular election for board
3 members and is certified in accordance with Sections 22-17
4 and 22-18 of the Election Code. The person appointed to fill
5 the vacancy shall have the same residential qualifications as
6 his predecessor in office was required to have. In either
7 instance, if the vacancy occurs with less than 4 months
8 remaining before the next scheduled consolidated election,
9 and the term of office of the board member vacating the
10 position is not scheduled to expire at that election, then
11 the term of the person so appointed shall extend through that
12 election and until the succeeding consolidated election. If
13 the term of office of the board member vacating the position
14 is scheduled to expire at the upcoming consolidated election,
15 the appointed member shall serve only until a successor is
16 elected and qualified at that election.

17 (g) Members of the board shall serve without
18 compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable
19 expenses incurred in connection with their service as
20 members. Compensation, for purposes of this Section, means
21 any salary or other benefits not expressly authorized by this
22 Act to be provided or paid to, for or on behalf of members of
23 the board. The board of each community college district may
24 adopt a policy providing for the issuance of bank credit
25 cards, for use by any board member who requests the same in
26 writing and agrees to use the card only for the reasonable
27 expenses which he or she incurs in connection with his or her
28 service as a board member. Expenses charged to such credit
29 cards shall be accounted for separately and shall be
30 submitted to the chief financial officer of the district for
31 review prior to being reported to the board at its next
32 regular meeting.

33 (h) Except in an election of the initial board for a new
34 community college district created pursuant to Section 6-6.1,

1 the ballot for the election of members of the board for a
2 community college district shall indicate the length of term
3 for each office to be filled. In the election of a board for
4 any community college district, the ballot shall not contain
5 any political party designation.

6 (Source: P.A. 92-1, eff. 3-30-01.)