

1 AN ACT in relation to taxes.

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 changing
5 Section 2-45 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 200/2-45)

7 Sec. 2-45. Selection and eligibility of township and
8 multi-township assessors.

9 (a) In all counties under township organization,
10 township or multi-township assessors shall be qualified as
11 required by subsections (b) through (d) of this Section and
12 shall be elected as provided in this Code. Township or
13 multi-township assessors shall enter upon their duties on
14 January 1 following their election, and perform the duties of
15 the office for 4 years.

16 (b) Beginning December 1, 1996, in any township or
17 multi-township assessment district not subject to the
18 requirements of subsections (c) or (d) of this Section, no
19 person is eligible to file nomination papers or participate
20 as a candidate in any caucus or primary or general election
21 for, or be appointed to fill vacancies in, the office of
22 township or multi-township assessor, unless he or she (i) has
23 successfully completed an introductory course in assessment
24 practices that is approved by the Department; or (ii)
25 possesses at least one of the qualifications listed in
26 paragraphs (1) through (6) ~~(5)~~ of subsection (c) of this
27 Section. The candidate cannot file nominating papers or
28 participate as a candidate unless a copy of the certificate
29 of his or her qualifications is filed with the township
30 clerk, board of election commissioners, or other appropriate
31 authority as required by the Election Code. The candidate

1 cannot be appointed to fill a vacancy until he or she has
2 filed a copy of the certificate of his or her qualifications
3 with the appointing authority.

4 (c) Beginning December 1, 1996, in a township or
5 multi-township assessment district with \$25,000,000 or more
6 of non-farm equalized assessed value or \$1,000,000 or more in
7 commercial and industrial equalized assessed value, no person
8 is eligible to file nomination papers or participate as a
9 candidate in any caucus or primary or general election for,
10 or be appointed to fill vacancies in, the office of township
11 or multi-township assessor, unless he or she possesses at
12 least one of the qualifications listed in paragraphs (1)
13 through (6) ~~(5)~~ of this subsection (c).

14 (1) a Certified Illinois Assessing Officer
15 certificate from the Illinois Property Assessment
16 Institute with current additional 30 class hours as
17 required for additional compensation under Section 4-10;

18 (2) (A) a Certified Illinois Assessing Officer
19 certificate from the Illinois Property Assessment
20 Institute with a minimum of 300 additional hours of
21 successfully completed courses approved by the
22 Department, if at least 150 of the course hours required
23 a written examination; and

24 (B) within the 4 years preceding the election,
25 successful completion of at least 15 class hours of
26 additional training in courses that must be approved by
27 the Department, including but not limited to, assessment,
28 appraisal, or computer courses, and that may be offered
29 by accredited universities, colleges, or community
30 colleges;

31 (3) a Certified Assessment Evaluator designation
32 from the International Association of Assessing Officers;

33 (4) certification as a Member of the Appraisal
34 Institute, Senior Real Estate Analyst, or Senior Real

1 Property Appraiser from the Appraisal Institute or its
2 predecessor organization; or

3 (5) a professional designation by any other
4 appraisal or assessing association approved by the
5 Department; or

6 (6) if the person has served as a township or
7 multi-township assessor for 12 years or more, a Certified
8 Illinois Assessing Official certificate from the Illinois
9 Property Assessment Institute with a minimum of 360
10 additional hours of successfully completed courses
11 approved by the Department, if at least 180 of the course
12 hours required a written examination.

13 The candidate cannot file nominating papers or
14 participate as a candidate unless a copy of the certificate
15 of his or her qualifications is filed with the township
16 clerk, board of election commissioners, or other appropriate
17 authority as required by the Election Code. The candidate
18 cannot be appointed to fill a vacancy until he or she has
19 filed a copy of the certificate of his or her qualifications
20 with the appointing authority.

21 (d) Beginning December 1, 2000, in a township or
22 multi-township assessment district with more than \$10,000,000
23 and less than \$25,000,000 of non-farm equalized assessed
24 value and less than \$1,000,000 in commercial and industrial
25 equalized assessed value, no person who has previously been
26 elected as township or multi-township assessor in any such
27 township or multi-township assessment district is eligible to
28 file nomination papers or participate as a candidate in any
29 caucus or primary or general election for the office of
30 township or multi-township assessor, unless he or she
31 possesses at least one of the qualifications listed in
32 paragraphs (1) through ~~(6)~~ (5) of subsection (c) of this
33 Section. The candidate cannot file nominating papers or
34 participate as a candidate unless a copy of the certificate

1 of his or her qualifications is filed with the township
2 clerk, board of election commissioners, or other appropriate
3 authority as required by the Election Code.

4 (e) If any person files nominating papers for candidacy
5 for the office of township or multi-township assessor without
6 also filing a copy of the certificate as required by this
7 Section, the clerk of the township, the board of election
8 commissioners, or other appropriate authority as required by
9 the Election Code shall refuse to certify the name of the
10 person as a candidate to the proper election officials.

11 If no candidate for election meets the above
12 qualifications there shall be no election and the town board
13 of trustees or multi-township board of trustees shall appoint
14 or contract with a person under Section 2-60.

15 As used in this Section only, "non-farm equalized
16 assessed value" means the total equalized assessed value in
17 the township or multi-township assessment district as
18 reported to the Department under Section 18-225 after removal
19 of homestead exemptions, and after removal of the equalized
20 assessed value reported as farm or minerals to the Department
21 under Section 18-225.

22 For purposes of this Section only, "file nomination
23 papers" also includes having nomination papers filed on
24 behalf of the candidate by another person.

25 (Source: P.A. 88-455; 89-441, eff. 6-1-96.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
27 becoming law.