

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.