



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
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**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

105 ILCS 5/3A-3

from Ch. 122, par. 3A-3

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning educational service regions.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 3A-3 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/3A-3) (from Ch. 122, par. 3A-3)

7 Sec. 3A-3. Voluntary consolidation of educational service  
8 regions. Any 2 or more educational service regions may be  
9 consolidated into a single region in the manner provided in  
10 this Section. All of the territory of any educational service  
11 region shall be determined by county boundaries, but  
12 supervision and control over school districts that are divided  
13 by a county line shall be determined under Section 3-14.2 of  
14 this Code Act.

15 Each regional superintendent of a region that does not  
16 conform to the population requirements of Section 3A-4 and  
17 seeks voluntary consolidation under this Section shall appoint  
18 a nonpartisan citizens committee consisting of 5 members to  
19 consider the advisability of such a consolidation. Such  
20 regional superintendent shall serve as ex officio secretary to  
21 the citizens committee. This citizens committee may petition  
22 the regional board of school trustees serving each of the  
23 regions involved for consolidation of those regions into a  
24 single educational service region. When such a petition is  
25 filed, the regional board of school trustees shall conduct a  
26 hearing on the petition, after notice of the hearing has been  
27 published once, not more than 15 nor less than 10 days before  
28 the day of the hearing, in a newspaper having general  
29 circulation in the region. The secretary of the regional board  
30 of school trustees shall also notify the secretary of each  
31 school board affected by the proposed consolidation, the  
32 chairman of the county board of each county affected thereby

1 and the State Board of Education that such petition has been  
2 filed. The notice shall state the date when the petition was  
3 filed, the prayer of the petition and the date, time and place  
4 of the hearing. Such hearing shall be held jointly by all of  
5 the regional boards of school trustees affected by such  
6 petition and the State Board of Education shall arrange for  
7 such joint hearing and pay the expenses thereof. Evidence  
8 admissible at the hearing shall include, but not be limited to,  
9 the school needs and conditions in the territory affected by  
10 the proposed consolidation, whether or not such area is compact  
11 and contiguous; and whether or not the proposed consolidation  
12 would be in the best interests of the schools of the area and  
13 the educational welfare of the pupils of such schools. At the  
14 hearing each resident of the region shall have the rights  
15 provided for residents under Section 7-6 and the final order of  
16 the regional board of school trustees shall be subject to  
17 review as provided in Sections 7-6 and 7-7.

18 Within 10 days after the conclusion of the joint hearing  
19 each regional board of school trustees shall meet and render a  
20 decision with regard to the hearing on the petition. A copy of  
21 the final order of each regional board of school trustees shall  
22 be filed with the State Board of Education within 30 days after  
23 the conclusion of the joint hearing. If the regional board of  
24 school trustees in each of those regions enters an order  
25 approving the consolidation, those regions shall be  
26 consolidated into a single educational service region, and the  
27 State Board of Education shall authorize the establishment of  
28 such single educational service region and to notify all  
29 interested parties, including the county clerks of the counties  
30 affected thereby and the State Board of Elections.

31 (Source: P.A. 88-89.)