

1 AN ACT concerning property.

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

4 Section 5. The Code of Civil Procedure is amended by adding  
5 Section 9-218 as follows:

6 (735 ILCS 5/9-218 new)

7 Sec. 9-218. Rent payments at business office.

8 (a) If the lessor, or agent of the lessor, of residential  
9 real property, containing 100 or more residential units in  
10 either a single building or a complex of buildings, maintains a  
11 business office on the premises of the building or complex that  
12 has regularly scheduled office hours, then the lessor, or agent  
13 of the lessor, must accept rent payments from a lessee of any  
14 of those residential units at that business office during the  
15 regularly scheduled office hours and the lessor may not impose  
16 any penalty, fee, or charge for making rent payments in this  
17 manner that are otherwise considered timely under the lease,  
18 but the landlord may refuse to accept payment by cash when rent  
19 payments are made in this manner.

20 (b) This Section applies to each lease and other rental  
21 agreement in effect on the effective date of this amendatory  
22 Act of the 94th General Assembly unless there is specific  
23 language in that lease or other rental agreement that conflicts  
24 with the provisions of this Section. If any provision of a  
25 lease or other rental agreement entered into, extended, or  
26 renewed on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act  
27 of the 94th General Assembly conflicts with the provisions of  
28 this Section, then that provision of the lease or other rental  
29 agreement is void and unenforceable.

30 Section 10. The Landlord and Tenant Act is amended by  
31 adding Section 3 as follows:

1 (765 ILCS 705/3 new)

2 Sec. 3. Rent payments at business office; cross-reference.

3 Leases and other rental agreements may be subject to Section

4 9-218 of the Code of Civil Procedure (735 ILCS 5/9-218).

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

6 becoming law.