



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2005 and 2006**  
**HB1249**

Introduced 2/9/2005, by Rep. Monique D. Davis

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

70 ILCS 3615/1.05

from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 701.05

Amends the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the establishment of the Authority.

LRB094 10291 RCE 40560 b

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 1.05 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 3615/1.05) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 701.05)

7 Sec. 1.05. Referendum on Establishment. A special  
8 referendum election shall be held at which there shall be  
9 submitted to the ~~the~~ electors in the metropolitan region the  
10 proposition to approve creation of the Authority, which  
11 proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

12 Shall a Regional Transportation Authority be created for  
13 Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties, Illinois?

14 The special referendum election shall be conducted by the  
15 County Clerks and Boards of Election Commissioners in the  
16 metropolitan region pursuant to the provisions of "The Election  
17 Code", approved May 11, 1943, as amended, except as is  
18 specifically provided otherwise in this Section. The special  
19 referendum election shall be held at the same time and with the  
20 same judges, polling places and precincts as for the regular  
21 primary elections to be held on March 19, 1974, in the  
22 metropolitan region.

23 The proposition shall be submitted to the electors on a  
24 separate paper ballot to be printed on blue paper. The State  
25 Board of Elections shall prepare and certify the form of ballot  
26 to the County Clerks and Boards of Election Commissioners in  
27 the metropolitan region.

28 Notice of the referendum election shall be given by the  
29 State Board of Elections. In addition, such notice may be given  
30 by the County Clerks and Boards of Election Commissioners. Each  
31 notice of the special election shall set forth the proposition  
32 to be voted upon, the date of the election and the time the

1 polling places will be open and shall state that the polling  
2 places and precincts for such election shall be the same as for  
3 the primary elections held on such date. The notice given by  
4 the State Board of Elections shall be published in one or more  
5 daily newspapers of general circulation in the metropolitan  
6 region at least once not less than 20 days prior to the  
7 election. Notice of the special referendum election need not  
8 set forth the precincts or polling places in detail. Notices  
9 given by County Clerks or Boards of Election Commissioners  
10 shall be in the form prescribed by the State Board of  
11 Elections.

12 The votes shall be canvassed and returned in the manner  
13 provided for public measures submitted to the electors of the  
14 entire State, including the provisions for tally sheets,  
15 certificates of results, canvassing and abstracts of votes.  
16 Only those ballots properly marked yes or no shall be counted  
17 in the referendum. Each municipal Board of Election  
18 Commissioners shall make its return to the County Clerk of the  
19 County in which it is located; the County Clerks and any County  
20 Board of Election Commissioners shall each make returns  
21 covering their entire county to the State Board of Elections.  
22 Each County Clerk and Board of Election Commissioners shall  
23 prepare and certify an abstract of votes cast on the  
24 proposition in the precincts within its election jurisdiction.  
25 The County Clerks and any county Board of Election  
26 Commissioners shall transmit the certified abstracts to the  
27 State Board of Elections with its return within 10 days of the  
28 referendum. To meet this deadline, the County Clerks and Boards  
29 of Election Commissioners shall canvass the votes cast in the  
30 special referendum election prior to canvassing the votes cast  
31 for any office in the regular primary election, and may certify  
32 the results of and make returns on the special referendum  
33 election prior to completing those procedures for the regular  
34 primary elections.

35 The State Board of Elections shall proclaim and certify the  
36 results of the referendum election. If a majority of those

1 electors properly marking ballots on the proposition vote in  
2 favor of the creation of the Authority, such Authority shall  
3 thereby be established.

4 (Source: P.A. 78-3rd S.S.-5.)