

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 Public Graveyards Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 1 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 610/1) (from Ch. 21, par. 13)

7 Sec. 1. (a) Public graveyards in this State, not under the  
8 control of any corporation sole, organization or society, and  
9 located within the limits of townships or counties not under  
10 township organization, shall and may be controlled or vacated  
11 by the corporate authorities of such township or county in such  
12 manner as such authorities may deem proper, and in the case of  
13 townships, such control may be vested in 3 trustees. If a  
14 township board has vested control of a public graveyard in 3  
15 trustees in accordance with this Section, it may, by  
16 resolution, divest the trustees of control of the public  
17 graveyard and assume control of the public graveyard.

18 (b) Vacancies created by the expiration occurring at any  
19 time after the effective date of the amendatory Act of the  
20 Seventy-eighth General Assembly and after this amendatory Act  
21 of the 83rd General Assembly of the terms of cemetery trustees  
22 of a township (except a township coterminous with a  
23 municipality) or of a county not under township organization  
24 elected under this Act shall be filled only by appointment.  
25 Such appointment shall be made by the county board of any  
26 county not under township organization or by the Township Board  
27 of Trustees in counties under township organization, as the  
28 case may be, for a term of 6 years. Until the effective date of  
29 this amendatory Act of 1983, in a township coterminous with a  
30 municipality, cemetery trustees shall continue to be elected by  
31 ballot, with one trustee elected in each odd-numbered year, in  
32 accordance with the provisions of the general election law, for

1 a term of 6 years and until their respective successors are  
2 elected and qualified. After the effective date of this  
3 amendatory Act of 1983, in a township coterminous with a  
4 municipality, cemetery trustees shall be appointed by the  
5 governing authority of the municipality with one trustee  
6 appointed in each odd-numbered year for a term of 6 years and  
7 until his or her respective successors are appointed and  
8 qualified.

9 Such trustees may be paid such compensation, not to exceed  
10 \$500 per year, as may be fixed by the Township Board of  
11 Trustees.

12 (c) Not more than one of the trustees shall be from any one  
13 city or village or incorporated town or section of land within  
14 such township unless such city, village, incorporated town or  
15 section of land shall have more than 50% of the population of  
16 the township according to the last preceding Federal census in  
17 which are included 2 or more cities, villages, incorporated  
18 towns or sections of land.

19 (Source: P.A. 83-712.)

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
21 becoming law.