



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-604

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-604

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the local authority of a city, village, or incorporated town or park district may decrease the speed limit in a residential district to less than 25 miles per hour if the Department of Transportation has conducted a study of the park district, city, village, or incorporated town and agrees to the reduction.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing
5 Section 11-604 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-604) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-604)

7 Sec. 11-604. Alteration of limits by local authorities.
8 Subject to the limitations set forth in this Section, the
9 county board of a county may establish absolute maximum speed
10 limits on all county highways, township roads and district
11 roads as defined in the Illinois Highway Code, except those
12 under the jurisdiction of the Department or of the Illinois
13 State Toll Highway Authority, as described in Sections 11-602
14 and 11-603 of this Chapter; and any park district, city,
15 village, or incorporated town may establish absolute maximum
16 speed limits on all streets which are within its corporate
17 limits and which are not under the jurisdiction of the
18 Department or of such Authority, and for which the county or a
19 highway commissioner of such county does not have maintenance
20 responsibility.

21 Whenever any such park district, city, village, or
22 incorporated town determines, upon the basis of an engineering
23 or traffic investigation concerning a highway or street on
24 which it is authorized by this Section to establish speed
25 limits, that a maximum speed limit prescribed in Section 11-601
26 of this Chapter is greater or less than is reasonable or safe
27 with respect to the conditions found to exist at any place or
28 along any part or zone of such highway or street, the local
29 authority or park district shall determine and declare by
30 ordinance a reasonable and safe absolute maximum speed limit at
31 such place or along such part or zone, which:

32 (1) Decreases the limit within an urban district, but

1 not to less than 20 miles per hour; or

2 (2) Increases the limit within an urban district, but
3 not to more than 55 miles per hour; or

4 (3) Decreases the limit outside of an urban district,
5 but not to less than 35 miles per hour, except as otherwise
6 provided in subparagraph 4 of this paragraph; or

7 (4) Decreases the limit within a residence district,
8 but not to less than 25 miles per hour, except as otherwise
9 provided in subparagraph 1 of this paragraph or except if
10 the Department has conducted a study of the park district,
11 city, village, or incorporated town and agrees to the
12 reduction.

13 The park district, city, village, or incorporated town may
14 make such limit applicable at all times or only during certain
15 specified times. Not more than 6 such alterations shall be made
16 per mile along a highway or street; and the difference in limit
17 between adjacent altered speed zones shall not be more than 10
18 miles per hour.

19 A limit so determined and declared by a park district,
20 city, village, or incorporated town becomes effective, and
21 suspends the application of the limit prescribed in Section
22 11-601 of this Chapter, when appropriate signs giving notice of
23 the limit are erected at the proper place or along the proper
24 part or zone of the highway or street. Electronic
25 speed-detecting devices shall not be used within 500 feet
26 beyond any such sign in the direction of travel; if so used in
27 violation of this Section evidence obtained thereby shall be
28 inadmissible in any prosecution for speeding. However, nothing
29 in this Section prohibits the use of such electronic
30 speed-detecting devices within 500 feet of a sign within a
31 special school speed zone indicating such zone, conforming to
32 the requirements of Section 11-605 of this Act, nor shall
33 evidence obtained thereby be inadmissible in any prosecution
34 for speeding provided the use of such device shall apply only
35 to the enforcement of the speed limit in such special school
36 speed zone. A county engineer or superintendent of highways may

1 submit to the Department for approval, a county policy for
2 establishing altered speed zones on township and county
3 highways based upon engineering and traffic investigations.

4 Whenever the county board of a county determines that a
5 maximum speed limit is greater or less than is reasonable or
6 safe with respect to the conditions found to exist at any place
7 or along any part or zone of the highway or road, the county
8 board shall determine and declare by ordinance a reasonable and
9 safe absolute maximum speed limit at that place or along that
10 part or zone. However, the maximum speed limit shall not exceed
11 55 miles per hour. The limit becomes effective, and suspends
12 the application of the limit prescribed in Section 11-601 of
13 this Chapter, when appropriate signs giving notice of the limit
14 are erected at the proper place or along the proper part of the
15 zone of the highway. Electronic speed-detecting devices shall
16 not be used within 500 feet beyond any such sign in the
17 direction of travel; if so used in violation of this Section,
18 evidence obtained thereby shall be inadmissible in any
19 prosecution for speeding. However, nothing in this Section
20 prohibits the use of such electronic speed-detecting devices
21 within 500 feet of a sign within a special school speed zone
22 indicating such zone, conforming to the requirements of Section
23 11-605 of this Act, nor shall evidence obtained thereby be
24 inadmissible in any prosecution for speeding provided the use
25 of such device shall apply only to the enforcement of the speed
26 limit in such special school speed zone.

27 (Source: P.A. 89-444, eff. 1-25-96.)