



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2005 and 2006**  
**SB0299**

Introduced 2/15/2005, by Sen. Gary Forby

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

70 ILCS 2105/4a

from Ch. 42, par. 386a

Amends the River Conservancy Districts Act. In the case of a board representing a district that embraces Franklin and Jefferson counties: (i) authorizes the appropriate appointing presiding officer or officers to remove a trustee for incompetence, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office, without the advice and consent of the corporate authorities; (ii) ends the terms of all trustees on the effective date of this amendatory Act; and (iii) provides for the appointment of new trustees. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning special districts.

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

4 Section 5. The River Conservancy Districts Act is amended  
5 by changing Section 4a as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 2105/4a) (from Ch. 42, par. 386a)

7 Sec. 4a. Every conservancy district so established shall be  
8 governed by a board of trustees. In the statement finding the  
9 results of the election to be favorable to the establishment of  
10 the district, the circuit court shall determine and name each  
11 municipality within the district having 5,000 or more  
12 population according to the last preceding federal census.

13 (1) In case there is one or more municipalities having a  
14 population of 5,000 or more within the district, the trustees  
15 shall be appointed as follows:

16 (a) In districts organized prior to July 1, 1961, where  
17 there is only one such municipality, 3 trustees shall be  
18 appointed from such municipality, and one trustee shall be  
19 appointed from the area within the district outside of such  
20 municipality, and one trustee shall be appointed at large.  
21 In districts organized on and after July 1, 1961, where  
22 there is only one such municipality one trustee shall be  
23 appointed from such municipality, and one trustee shall be  
24 appointed from each county in the district, except that  
25 where the district is wholly contained within a single  
26 county, one trustee shall be appointed from that county and  
27 one additional trustee shall be appointed from the  
28 municipality, and, in any case, 2 trustees shall be  
29 appointed at large. A trustee appointed from a county in  
30 the district shall be appointed from the area outside any  
31 such municipality. If the district is located wholly within  
32 the corporate limits of such municipality, 3 of the

1 trustees of the district shall be appointed from such  
2 municipality, and 2 trustees shall be appointed at large.  
3 In a district wholly contained within a single county of  
4 between 60,500 and 70,000 population and having no more  
5 than one municipality of 5,000 or more population,  
6 regardless of the date of organization, 3 trustees shall be  
7 appointed from that municipality, 2 trustees shall be  
8 appointed from the district outside that municipality, and  
9 2 trustees shall be appointed at large. No more than 2  
10 appointments by each appointing authority may be from the  
11 same political party.

12 (b) Where there are 2 or more such municipalities, one  
13 trustee shall be appointed from each such municipality, one  
14 trustee shall be appointed from each county in the district  
15 for each 50,000 population or part thereof within the  
16 district in such county according to the last preceding  
17 federal census, and 2 trustees shall be appointed at large.  
18 A trustee appointed from a county in the district shall be  
19 appointed from the area outside any such municipality. If  
20 the district is located wholly within the corporate limits  
21 of such municipalities, 2 trustees shall be appointed from  
22 the one of such municipalities having the largest  
23 population, and one trustee shall be appointed from each of  
24 the other such municipalities, and 2 trustees shall be  
25 appointed at large.

26 (c) Trustees representing the area within the district  
27 located outside of any municipality having 5,000 or more  
28 population and trustees appointed at large when the  
29 district is wholly contained within a single county shall  
30 be appointed by the presiding officer of the county board  
31 with the advice and consent of the county board and any  
32 trustee representing the area within any such municipality  
33 shall be appointed by its presiding officer. If however the  
34 district is located in more than one county, any trustee  
35 representing the area within a district located outside of  
36 any municipality having 5,000 or more population and any

1 trustee at large shall be appointed by a majority vote of  
2 the presiding officers of the county boards of the counties  
3 which encompass any part of the district, except that no  
4 such appointment shall affect the term of any trustee in  
5 office on the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
6 1977. Any trustee representing the area within any such  
7 municipality shall be appointed by its presiding officer.

8 (d) A trustee representing the area within any such  
9 municipality shall reside within its corporate limits. A  
10 trustee representing the area within the district and  
11 located outside of any such municipality shall reside  
12 within such area. A trustee appointed at large may reside  
13 either within or without any such municipality but must  
14 reside within the territory of the district. Should any  
15 trustee cease to reside within that part of the territory  
16 he represents, then his office shall be deemed vacated, and  
17 shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of the  
18 term as hereinafter provided.

19 (2) In case there are no municipalities having a population  
20 of 5,000 or more within such district located wholly within a  
21 single county, the statement required by Section 1 shall  
22 include such finding, and in such case the Board shall consist  
23 of 5 trustees who shall be appointed at large by the presiding  
24 officer of the county board with the advice and consent of the  
25 county board. If however the district is located in more than  
26 one county, the trustees at large shall be appointed by a  
27 majority vote of the presiding officers of the county boards of  
28 the counties which encompass any portion of the district, but  
29 any trustee in office on the effective date of this amendatory  
30 Act of 1977 shall be permitted to serve out the remainder of  
31 his term. Each such trustee shall reside within the district  
32 and shall continue to reside therein.

33 (3) All initial appointments of trustees shall be made  
34 within 60 days after the determination of the result of the  
35 election. Each appointment shall be in writing and shall be  
36 filed and made a matter of record in the office of the county

1 clerk wherein the organization proceedings were filed. A  
2 trustee shall qualify within 10 days after appointment by  
3 acceptance and the taking of the constitutional oath of office,  
4 both to be in writing and similarly filed for record in the  
5 office of such county clerk. Members initially appointed to the  
6 board of trustees of such district shall serve from date of  
7 appointment for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years and shall draw lots to  
8 determine the periods for which they each shall serve. In case  
9 there are more than 5 trustees, lots shall be drawn so that 5  
10 trustees shall serve initial terms of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years  
11 and the other trustees shall serve terms of 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5  
12 years as the number of trustees shall require and the drawing  
13 of lots shall determine. The successors of all such initial  
14 members of the board of trustees of a river conservancy  
15 district shall serve for terms of 5 years, all such  
16 appointments and appointments to fill vacancies shall be made  
17 in like manner as in the case of the initial trustees. A  
18 trustee having been duly appointed shall continue to serve  
19 after the expiration of his term until his successor has been  
20 appointed. Each trustee initially appointed in accordance with  
21 this amendatory Act of 1995 shall serve a term of 3 or 5 years  
22 as determined by lot.

23 (4) Should a municipality which is wholly within a district  
24 attain, or should such a municipality be established, having a  
25 population of 5,000 or more after the entry of the statement by  
26 the circuit court, the presiding officer of such municipality  
27 may petition the circuit court of the county in which such  
28 municipality lies for an order finding and determining the  
29 population of such municipality and, if it is found and  
30 determined upon the hearing of such petition that the  
31 population of such municipality is 5,000 or more, the board of  
32 trustees of such district as previously established shall be  
33 increased by one trustee who shall reside within the corporate  
34 limits of such municipality and shall be appointed by its  
35 presiding officer. The initial trustee so appointed shall serve  
36 for a term of 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 years, as may be determined by

1 lot, and his successors shall be similarly appointed and shall  
2 serve for terms of 5 years. All provisions of this Section  
3 applicable to trustees representing municipal areas shall  
4 apply to any such trustee, including paragraph 5.

5 (5) Should the foregoing provisions respecting the  
6 appointment of trustees representing the area within any  
7 municipality of 5,000 or more population be invalid when  
8 applied to any situation, then as to such situation any such  
9 provision shall be deemed to be excised from this Act, and the  
10 trustee whose appointment is thus affected shall be appointed  
11 at large by the presiding officer of the county board with the  
12 advice and consent of the county board except if the district  
13 embraces more than one county in which case the trustees shall  
14 be appointed at large by a majority vote of the presiding  
15 officers of the county boards of the counties which encompass  
16 any portion of the district.

17 (6) In the case of a board representing a district that  
18 embraces Franklin and Jefferson counties, a trustee may be  
19 removed for incompetence, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in  
20 office by the appropriate appointing presiding officer or  
21 officers, without the advice and consent of the corporate  
22 authorities, by filing a written order of removal with the  
23 appropriate county or municipal clerk or clerks.

24 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
25 contrary, in the case of a board representing a district that  
26 embraces Franklin and Jefferson counties, the terms of all  
27 trustees shall end on the effective date of this amendatory Act  
28 of the 94th General Assembly. Beginning on that date, the board  
29 shall consist of 7 trustees. The 7 trustees initially appointed  
30 pursuant to this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly  
31 shall be appointed in the same manner as otherwise provided in  
32 this Section by the appropriate appointing authority and shall  
33 serve the following terms, as determined by lot: (i) 2 trustees  
34 shall serve until July 1, 2006; (ii) 2 trustees shall serve  
35 until July 1, 2007; (iii) one trustee shall serve until July 1,  
36 2008; (iv) one trustee shall serve until July 1, 2009; and (v)

1 one trustee shall serve until July 1, 2010. Upon expiration of  
2 the terms of the trustees initially appointed under this  
3 amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, their respective  
4 successors shall be appointed for terms of 5 years, beginning  
5 on July 1 of the year in which the previous term expires and  
6 until their respective successors are appointed and qualified.  
7 After the appointment of the trustees initially appointed  
8 pursuant to this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly,  
9 the number of trustees on the board may be increased in  
10 accordance with subsection (4).

11 (Source: P.A. 89-148, eff. 1-1-96.)

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
13 becoming law.