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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 343

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 343 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Metro-East Park and Recreation District Act
5 is amended by changing Sections 5, 10, and 20 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 1605/5)

7 Sec. 5. Definitions. In this Act:

8 "Board" means the board of directors of the Metro-East Park
9 and Recreation District.

10 "Chief executive officer" means the chairman of the county
11 board of a county.

12 "County" means Madison, St. Clair, Monroe, Clinton, ~~or~~
13 Jersey, or Macoupin County.

14 "District" or "Metro-East District" means the Metro-East
15 Park and Recreation District created under this Act.

16 "Governing body" means a county board.

17 "Metro-East Park and Recreation Fund" means the fund held
18 by the District that is the repository for all taxes and other
19 moneys raised by or for the District under this Act.

20 "Metro-East region" means Madison, St. Clair, Monroe,
21 Clinton, Macoupin, and Jersey Counties.

22 "Park district" means a park district organized under the
23 Park District Code.

24 (Source: P.A. 91-103, eff. 7-13-99.)

1 (70 ILCS 1605/10)

2 Sec. 10. Creation of Metro-East Park and Recreation
3 District.

4 (a) The Metro-East Park and Recreation District may be
5 created, incorporated, and managed under this Section and may
6 exercise the powers given to the District under this Act. Any
7 county may be included in the Metro-East District if the voters
8 in the county or counties to be included in the District vote
9 to be included in the District. Any recreation system or public
10 parks system that exists within the Metro-East District created
11 under this Section shall remain in existence with the same
12 powers and responsibilities it had prior to the creation of the
13 Metro-East District. Nothing in this Section shall be construed
14 in any manner to limit or prohibit:

15 (1) later establishment or cessation of any park or
16 recreation system provided for by law; or

17 (2) any powers and responsibilities of any park or
18 recreation system provided for by law.

19 (b) When the Metro-East District is organized, it shall be
20 a body corporate and a political subdivision of this State, and
21 the District shall be known as the "Metro-East Park and
22 Recreation District", and in that name may sue and be sued,
23 issue general revenue bonds, and impose and collect taxes or
24 fees under this Act.

25 (c) The Metro-East District shall have as its primary duty
26 the development, operation, and maintenance of a public system
27 of interconnecting trails and parks throughout the counties
28 comprising the District. The Metro-East District shall
29 supplement but shall not substitute for the powers and
30 responsibilities of the other parks and recreation systems
31 within the Metro-East District and shall have the power to
32 contract with the State of Illinois, the United States
33 Government, and other parks and recreation systems as well as

1 with the departments or agencies of any of those governmental
2 bodies and with other public and private entities.

3 (d) All counties and communities comprising the Metro-East
4 Park and Recreation District shall make available upon written
5 request from the District, at no cost to the District, any and
6 all technical information and data necessary for the
7 implementation of the District's goals.

8 (Source: P.A. 91-103, eff. 7-13-99.)

9 (70 ILCS 1605/20)

10 Sec. 20. Board of directors.

11 (a) If the Metro-East District is created by only one
12 county, the District shall be managed by a board of directors
13 consisting of 3 members. Two members shall be appointed by the
14 chief executive officer, with the advice and consent of the
15 county board, of the county in which the District is located,
16 and one member shall be appointed by the minority members of
17 the county board with the advice and consent of the county
18 board. The first appointment shall be made within 90 days and
19 not sooner than 60 days after the District has been organized.
20 Each member of the board so appointed shall be a legal voter in
21 the District. The first directors shall be appointed to hold
22 office for terms of one, 2, and 3 years, and until June 30
23 thereafter, respectively, as determined by lot. Thereafter,
24 successors shall be appointed in the same manner no later than
25 the first day of the month in which the term of a director
26 expires. All terms expire if another county joins the District.

27 A vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of term
28 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

29 (b) If the Metro-East District is created by more than one
30 county, each county that elects to join the District shall be
31 represented by a certain number of board members. The board
32 members shall be distributed from the counties electing to join
33 the District as follows:

1 (1) The chief executive officer, with the advice and
2 consent of the county board, of St. Clair county shall
3 appoint 2 members and the minority members of the county
4 board, with the advice and consent of the county board,
5 shall appoint one member.

6 (2) The chief executive officer, with the advice and
7 consent of the county board, of Madison County shall
8 appoint 2 members and the minority members of the county
9 board, with the advice and consent of the county board,
10 shall appoint one member.

11 (3) The chief executive officer, with the advice and
12 consent of the county board, of Clinton County shall
13 appoint one member.

14 (4) The chief executive officer, with the advice and
15 consent of the county board, of Jersey County shall appoint
16 one member.

17 (5) The chief executive officer, with the advice and
18 consent of the county board, of Monroe County shall appoint
19 one member.

20 (6) The chief executive officer, with the advice and
21 consent of the county board, of Macoupin County shall
22 appoint one member.

23 The board members shall serve 3-year terms, except that
24 board members first appointed shall be appointed to serve terms
25 of one, 2, or 3 years as determined by lot, provided that board
26 members from counties eligible to appoint more than one member
27 may not serve identical initial terms. On the expiration of the
28 initial terms of appointment and on the expiration of any
29 subsequent term, the resulting vacancy shall be filled in the
30 same manner as the original appointment. Board members shall
31 serve until their successors are appointed. Board members are
32 eligible for reappointment.

33 (c) No board member may hold a public office in any county
34 within the Metro-East District, other than the office of notary

1 public. Board members must be citizens of the United States and
2 they must reside within the county from which they are
3 appointed. No board member may receive compensation for
4 performance of duties as a board member. No board member may be
5 financially interested directly or indirectly in any contract
6 entered into under this Act.

7 (d) Promptly after their appointment, the initial board
8 members shall hold an organizational meeting at which they
9 shall elect a president and any other officers that they deem
10 necessary from among their number. The members shall make and
11 adopt any bylaws, rules, and regulations for their guidance and
12 for the government of the parks, neighborhood trails, and
13 recreational grounds and facilities that may be expedient and
14 not inconsistent with this Act.

15 (e) Board members shall have the exclusive control of the
16 expenditures of all money collected to the credit of the
17 Metro-East Park and Recreation Fund created pursuant to Section
18 35, and of the supervision, improvement, care, and custody of
19 public parks, neighborhood trails, recreational facilities,
20 and grounds owned, maintained, or managed by the Metro-East
21 District. All moneys received for those purposes shall be
22 deposited in the Metro-East Park and Recreation Fund. The board
23 shall have power to purchase or otherwise secure ground to be
24 used for parks, neighborhood trails, recreational facilities,
25 and grounds; shall have power to appoint suitable persons to
26 maintain the parks, neighborhood trails, recreational grounds,
27 and facilities and to administer recreational programs and to
28 fix their compensation; and shall have power to remove those
29 appointees. The board shall keep accurate records of all its
30 proceedings and actions and shall comply with the provisions of
31 the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

32 (Source: P.A. 91-103, eff. 7-13-99.)

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

1 becoming law.".