

1 AN ACT concerning libraries.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Local Library Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 2-7 as follows:

6 (75 ILCS 5/2-7 new)

7 Sec. 2-7. Dissolution for failure to perform duties.

8 (a) If the board of trustees of a public library  
9 established under this Act has failed to perform its duties and  
10 functions under this Act, then a petition for dissolution that  
11 is signed by at least 1% of the electors in the municipality or  
12 township may be filed with the clerk of the circuit court of  
13 the county in which the public library, or the predominant  
14 portion thereof, is located. The petition must (i) clearly  
15 define the territory embraced in such public library, (ii) set  
16 forth the name of the public library, and (iii) set forth  
17 sufficient facts establishing that, within the 3-year period  
18 immediately prior to the filing of the petition, the board of  
19 trustees:

20 (1) failed to hold regular meetings of the board;

21 (2) failed to pass an annual appropriation ordinance or  
22 to levy taxes for the purposes of the district; or

23 (3) failed to perform the duties and functions imposed

1 by law.

2 (b) Upon the filing of a petition under subsection (a), the  
3 circuit judge shall set a date and time for a judicial hearing  
4 on the petition. At least 20 days prior to the hearing date,  
5 the clerk of the circuit court shall give notice of the time  
6 and place of the hearing by publication in one or more daily or  
7 weekly newspapers having a general circulation within the  
8 municipality or township.

9 (c) If, at the hearing under subsection (b), the circuit  
10 judge finds that the petition meets the requirements of  
11 subsection (a) and that the allegations set forth in the  
12 petition are true, then he or she shall enter an order  
13 dissolving the public library. If the public library is  
14 dissolved by the circuit court under this Section, then the  
15 affairs of the public library must be disposed of in the manner  
16 as provided in this Act.

17 (d) Within 60 days after the effective date of this  
18 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, the duly elected  
19 members of a board of trustees of a library established under  
20 this Act may meet and appoint a sufficient number of persons to  
21 establish a quorum to conduct business. Those appointed shall  
22 serve as though elected and hold office only until the next  
23 regularly scheduled election for library trustee.

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
25 becoming law.