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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 3615/1.05

from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 701.05

Amends the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the establishment of the Authority.

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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 Regional Transportation Authority Act is 5 amended by changing Section 1.05 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 3615/1.05) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 701.05)

7 Sec. 1.05. Referendum on Establishment. A special 8 referendum election shall be held at which there shall be 9 submitted to <u>the</u> the electors in the metropolitan region the 10 proposition to approve creation of the Authority, which 11 proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

12 Shall a Regional Transportation Authority be created for 13 Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties, Illinois?

14 The special referendum election shall be conducted by the County Clerks and Boards of Election Commissioners in the 15 16 metropolitan region pursuant to the provisions of "The Election 17 Code", approved May 11, 1943, as amended, except as is specifically provided otherwise in this Section. The special 18 19 referendum election shall be held at the same time and with the 20 same judges, polling places and precincts as for the regular 21 primary elections to be held on March 19, 1974, in the 22 metropolitan region.

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The proposition shall be submitted to the electors on a

separate paper ballot to be printed on blue paper. The State
Board of Elections shall prepare and certify the form of ballot
to the County Clerks and Boards of Election Commissioners in
the metropolitan region.

5 Notice of the referendum election shall be given by the State Board of Elections. In addition, such notice may be given 6 by the County Clerks and Boards of Election Commissioners. Each 7 8 notice of the special election shall set forth the proposition 9 to be voted upon, the date of the election and the time the 10 polling places will be open and shall state that the polling 11 places and precincts for such election shall be the same as for 12 the primary elections held on such date. The notice given by the State Board of Elections shall be published in one or more 13 14 daily newspapers of general circulation in the metropolitan 15 region at least once not less than 20 days prior to the 16 election. Notice of the special referendum election need not 17 set forth the precincts or polling places in detail. Notices given by County Clerks or Boards of Election Commissioners 18 shall be in the form prescribed by the State Board of 19 20 Elections.

The votes shall be canvassed and returned in the manner 21 22 provided for public measures submitted to the electors of the 23 entire State, including the provisions for tally sheets, 24 certificates of results, canvassing and abstracts of votes. 25 Only those ballots properly marked yes or no shall be counted 26 in the referendum. Each municipal Board of Election

Commissioners shall make its return to the County Clerk of the 1 2 County in which it is located; the County Clerks and any County Board of Election Commissioners shall each make returns 3 covering their entire county to the State Board of Elections. 4 5 Each County Clerk and Board of Election Commissioners shall and certify an abstract of votes cast on 6 prepare the 7 proposition in the precincts within its election jurisdiction. of 8 County Clerks and any county Board Election The 9 Commissioners shall transmit the certified abstracts to the 10 State Board of Elections with its return within 10 days of the 11 referendum. To meet this deadline, the County Clerks and Boards 12 of Election Commissioners shall canvass the votes cast in the 13 special referendum election prior to canvassing the votes cast 14 for any office in the regular primary election, and may certify 15 the results of and make returns on the special referendum 16 election prior to completing those procedures for the regular 17 primary elections.

18 The State Board of Elections shall proclaim and certify the 19 results of the referendum election. If a majority of those 20 electors properly marking ballots on the proposition vote in 21 favor of the creation of the Authority, such Authority shall 22 thereby be established.

23 (Source: P.A. 78-3rd S.S.-5.)

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