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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

725 ILCS 215/2	from Ch. 38, par. 1702
725 ILCS 215/3	from Ch. 38, par. 1703
725 ILCS 215/4	from Ch. 38, par. 1704

Amends the Statewide Grand Jury Act. Provides that a Statewide Grand Jury may be convened to investigate violations of offenses involving the corruption of a public official, including theft, fraud, extortion or the Official Misconduct Article and the Public Contracts Article of the Criminal Code of 1961.

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

4 Section 5. The Statewide Grand Jury Act is amended by  
5 changing Sections 2, 3, and 4 as follows:

6 (725 ILCS 215/2) (from Ch. 38, par. 1702)

7 Sec. 2. (a) County grand juries and State's Attorneys have  
8 always had and shall continue to have primary responsibility  
9 for investigating, indicting, and prosecuting persons who  
10 violate the criminal laws of the State of Illinois. However, in  
11 recent years organized terrorist activity directed against  
12 innocent civilians, ~~and~~ certain criminal enterprises, and  
13 public corruption have developed that require investigation,  
14 indictment, and prosecution on a statewide or multicounty  
15 level. The criminal enterprises exist as a result of the allure  
16 of profitability present in narcotic activity, public  
17 corruption, the unlawful sale and transfer of firearms, and  
18 streetgang related felonies and organized terrorist activity  
19 is supported by the contribution of money and expert assistance  
20 from geographically diverse sources. In order to shut off the  
21 life blood of terrorism and weaken or eliminate the criminal  
22 enterprises, assets, and property used to further these  
23 offenses must be frozen, and any profit must be removed. State

1 statutes exist that can accomplish that goal. Among them are  
2 the offense of money laundering, the Cannabis and Controlled  
3 Substances Tax Act, violations of Articles Article 29D, 33, and  
4 33E of the Criminal Code of 1961, the Narcotics Profit  
5 Forfeiture Act, and gunrunning. Local prosecutors need  
6 investigative personnel and specialized training to attack and  
7 eliminate these profits. In light of the transitory and complex  
8 nature of conduct that constitutes these criminal activities,  
9 the many diverse property interests that may be used, acquired  
10 directly or indirectly as a result of these criminal  
11 activities, and the many places that illegally obtained  
12 property may be located, it is the purpose of this Act to  
13 create a limited, multicounty Statewide Grand Jury with  
14 authority to investigate, indict, and prosecute: narcotic  
15 activity, including cannabis and controlled substance  
16 trafficking, narcotics racketeering, money laundering,  
17 violations of the Cannabis and Controlled Substances Tax Act,  
18 ~~and~~ violations of Articles Article 29D, 33, and 33E of the  
19 Criminal Code of 1961; public corruption crimes; the unlawful  
20 sale and transfer of firearms; gunrunning; and streetgang  
21 related felonies.

22 (b) A Statewide Grand Jury may also investigate, indict,  
23 and prosecute violations facilitated by the use of a computer  
24 of any of the following offenses: indecent solicitation of a  
25 child, sexual exploitation of a child, soliciting for a  
26 juvenile prostitute, keeping a place of juvenile prostitution,

1 juvenile pimping, or child pornography.

2 (Source: P.A. 91-225, eff. 1-1-00; 92-854, eff. 12-5-02.)

3 (725 ILCS 215/3) (from Ch. 38, par. 1703)

4 Sec. 3. Written application for the appointment of a  
5 Circuit Judge to convene and preside over a Statewide Grand  
6 Jury, with jurisdiction extending throughout the State, shall  
7 be made to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Upon such  
8 written application, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court  
9 shall appoint a Circuit Judge from the circuit where the  
10 Statewide Grand Jury is being sought to be convened, who shall  
11 make a determination that the convening of a Statewide Grand  
12 Jury is necessary.

13 In such application the Attorney General shall state that  
14 the convening of a Statewide Grand Jury is necessary because of  
15 an alleged offense or offenses set forth in this Section  
16 involving more than one county of the State and identifying any  
17 such offense alleged; and

18 (a) that he or she believes that the grand jury  
19 function for the investigation and indictment of the  
20 offense or offenses cannot effectively be performed by a  
21 county grand jury together with the reasons for such  
22 belief, and

23 (b) (1) that each State's Attorney with jurisdiction  
24 over an offense or offenses to be investigated has  
25 consented to the impaneling of the Statewide Grand

1 Jury, or

2 (2) if one or more of the State's Attorneys having  
3 jurisdiction over an offense or offenses to be  
4 investigated fails to consent to the impaneling of the  
5 Statewide Grand Jury, the Attorney General shall set  
6 forth good cause for impaneling the Statewide Grand  
7 Jury.

8 If the Circuit Judge determines that the convening of a  
9 Statewide Grand Jury is necessary, he or she shall convene and  
10 impanel the Statewide Grand Jury with jurisdiction extending  
11 throughout the State to investigate and return indictments:

12 (a) For violations of any of the following or for any  
13 other criminal offense committed in the course of violating  
14 any of the following: Article 29D of the Criminal Code of  
15 1961, the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis  
16 Control Act, the Methamphetamine Control and Community  
17 Protection Act, the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Act, or the  
18 Cannabis and Controlled Substances Tax Act; a streetgang  
19 related felony offense; Section 24-2.1, 24-2.2, 24-3,  
20 24-3A, 24-3.1, 24-3.3, 24-3.4, 24-4, or 24-5 or subsection  
21 24-1(a)(4), 24-1(a)(6), 24-1(a)(7), 24-1(a)(9),  
22 24-1(a)(10), or 24-1(c) of the Criminal Code of 1961; or a  
23 money laundering offense; provided that the violation or  
24 offense involves acts occurring in more than one county of  
25 this State; and

26 (a-5) For violations facilitated by the use of a

1 computer, including the use of the Internet, the World Wide  
2 Web, electronic mail, message board, newsgroup, or any  
3 other commercial or noncommercial on-line service, of any  
4 of the following offenses: indecent solicitation of a  
5 child, sexual exploitation of a child, soliciting for a  
6 juvenile prostitute, keeping a place of juvenile  
7 prostitution, juvenile pimping, or child pornography; and

8 (a-6) For violations of offenses involving the  
9 corruption of a public official, including theft, fraud,  
10 extortion or a violation of Article 33 or 33E of the  
11 Criminal Code of 1961; and

12 (b) For the offenses of perjury, subornation of  
13 perjury, communicating with jurors and witnesses, and  
14 harassment of jurors and witnesses, as they relate to  
15 matters before the Statewide Grand Jury.

16 "Streetgang related" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
17 Section 10 of the Illinois Streetgang Terrorism Omnibus  
18 Prevention Act.

19 Upon written application by the Attorney General for the  
20 convening of an additional Statewide Grand Jury, the Chief  
21 Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint a Circuit Judge from  
22 the circuit for which the additional Statewide Grand Jury is  
23 sought. The Circuit Judge shall determine the necessity for an  
24 additional Statewide Grand Jury in accordance with the  
25 provisions of this Section. No more than 2 Statewide Grand  
26 Juries may be empaneled at any time.

1 (Source: P.A. 94-556, eff. 9-11-05.)

2 (725 ILCS 215/4) (from Ch. 38, par. 1704)

3 Sec. 4. (a) The presiding judge of the Statewide Grand Jury  
4 will receive recommendations from the Attorney General as to  
5 the county in which the Grand Jury will sit. Prior to making  
6 the recommendations, the Attorney General shall obtain the  
7 permission of the local State's Attorney to use his or her  
8 county for the site of the Statewide Grand Jury. Upon receiving  
9 the Attorney General's recommendations, the presiding judge  
10 will choose one of those recommended locations as the site  
11 where the Grand Jury shall sit.

12 Any indictment by a Statewide Grand Jury shall be returned  
13 to the Circuit Judge presiding over the Statewide Grand Jury  
14 and shall include a finding as to the county or counties in  
15 which the alleged offense was committed. Thereupon, the judge  
16 shall, by order, designate the county of venue for the purpose  
17 of trial. The judge may also, by order, direct the  
18 consolidation of an indictment returned by a county grand jury  
19 with an indictment returned by the Statewide Grand Jury and set  
20 venue for trial.

21 (b) Venue for purposes of trial for the offense of  
22 narcotics racketeering shall be proper in any county where:

23 (1) Cannabis or a controlled substance which is the  
24 basis for the charge of narcotics racketeering was used;  
25 acquired; transferred or distributed to, from or through;

1 or any county where any act was performed to further the  
2 use; acquisition, transfer or distribution of said  
3 cannabis or controlled substance; or

4 (2) Any money, property, property interest, or any  
5 other asset generated by narcotics activities was  
6 acquired, used, sold, transferred or distributed to, from  
7 or through; or,

8 (3) Any enterprise interest obtained as a result of  
9 narcotics racketeering was acquired, used, transferred or  
10 distributed to, from or through, or where any activity was  
11 conducted by the enterprise or any conduct to further the  
12 interests of such an enterprise.

13 (c) Venue for purposes of trial for the offense of money  
14 laundering shall be proper in any county where any part of a  
15 financial transaction in criminally derived property took  
16 place, or in any county where any money or monetary interest  
17 which is the basis for the offense, was acquired, used, sold,  
18 transferred or distributed to, from, or through.

19 (d) A person who commits the offense of cannabis  
20 trafficking or controlled substance trafficking may be tried in  
21 any county.

22 (e) Venue for purposes of trial for any violation of  
23 Article 29D of the Criminal Code of 1961 may be in the county  
24 in which an act of terrorism occurs, the county in which  
25 material support or resources are provided or solicited, the  
26 county in which criminal assistance is rendered, or any county



1 in which any act in furtherance of any violation of Article 29D  
2 of the Criminal Code of 1961 occurs.

3 (f) Venue for purposes of trial for any offense involving  
4 the corruption of a public official may be in the county in  
5 which the offense occurred.

6 (Source: P.A. 92-854, eff. 12-5-02.)