

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 11E-70 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/11E-70)

7 Sec. 11E-70. Effective date of change.

8 (a) Except as provided in subsection (a-5) of this Section,  
9 if ~~if~~ a petition is filed under the authority of this Article,  
10 the change is granted and approved at election, and no appeal  
11 is taken, then the change shall become effective after the time  
12 for appeal has run for the purpose of all elections; however,  
13 the change shall not affect the administration of the schools  
14 until July 1 following the date that the school board election  
15 is held for the new district or districts and the school boards  
16 of the districts as they existed prior to the change shall  
17 exercise the same power and authority over the territory until  
18 that date.

19 (a-5) If a petition is filed under the authority of this  
20 Article for the consolidation of Christopher Unit School  
21 District 99 and Zeigler-Royalton Community Unit School  
22 District 188, the change is granted and approved at election,  
23 and no appeal is taken, then the change shall become effective

1 after one or both of the school districts have been awarded  
2 school construction grants under the School Construction Law.

3 (b) If any school district is dissolved in accordance with  
4 this Article, upon the close of the then current school year,  
5 the terms of office of the school board of the dissolved  
6 district shall terminate.

7 (c) New districts shall be permitted to organize and elect  
8 officers within the time prescribed by the general election  
9 law. Additionally, between the date of the organization and the  
10 election of officers and the date on which the new district  
11 takes effect for all purposes, the new district shall also be  
12 permitted, with the stipulation of the districts from which the  
13 new district is formed and the approval of the regional  
14 superintendent of schools, to take all action necessary or  
15 appropriate to do the following:

16 (1) Establish the tax levy for the new district, in  
17 lieu of the levies by the districts from which the new  
18 district is formed, within the time generally provided by  
19 law and in accordance with this Article. The funds produced  
20 by the levy shall be transferred to the new district as  
21 generally provided by law at such time as they are received  
22 by the county collector.

23 (2) Enter into agreements with depositories and direct  
24 the deposit and investment of any funds received from the  
25 county collector or any other source, all as generally  
26 provided by law.

1           (3) Conduct a search for the superintendent of the new  
2 district and enter into a contract with the person selected  
3 to serve as the superintendent of the new district in  
4 accordance with the provisions of this Code generally  
5 applicable to the employment of a superintendent.

6           (4) Conduct a search for other administrators and staff  
7 of the new district and enter into a contract with these  
8 persons in accordance with the provisions of this Code  
9 generally applicable to the employment of administrators  
10 and other staff.

11           (5) Engage the services of accountants, architects,  
12 attorneys, and other consultants, including but not  
13 limited to consultants to assist in the search for the  
14 superintendent.

15           (6) Plan for the transition from the administration of  
16 the schools by the districts from which the new district is  
17 formed.

18           (7) Bargain collectively, pursuant to the Illinois  
19 Educational Labor Relations Act, with the certified  
20 exclusive bargaining representative or certified exclusive  
21 bargaining representatives of the new district's  
22 employees.

23           (8) Expend the funds received from the levy and any  
24 funds received from the districts from which the new  
25 district is formed to meet payroll and other essential  
26 operating expenses or otherwise in the exercise of the

1           foregoing powers until the new district takes effect for  
2           all purposes.

3           (9) Issue bonds authorized in the proposition to form  
4           the new district or bonds pursuant to and in accordance  
5           with all of the requirements of Section 17-2.11 of this  
6           Code, levy taxes upon all of the taxable property within  
7           the new district to pay the principal of and interest on  
8           those bonds as provided by statute, expend the proceeds of  
9           the bonds and enter into any necessary contracts for the  
10          work financed therewith as authorized by statute, and avail  
11          itself of the provisions of other applicable law, including  
12          the Omnibus Bond Acts, in connection with the issuance of  
13          those bonds.

14          (d) After the granting of a petition has become final and  
15          approved at election, the date when the change becomes  
16          effective for purposes of administration and attendance may be  
17          accelerated or postponed by stipulation of the school board of  
18          each district affected and approval by the regional  
19          superintendent of schools with which the original petition is  
20          required to be filed.

21          (Source: P.A. 94-1019, eff. 7-10-06.)

22          Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
23          becoming law.