



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Illinois Finance Authority Act. Provides that the Illinois Finance Authority has the power to purchase special service area bonds and to accept assignments or pledges, or both, of special service area bonds or agreements relating to public and private green special service area projects. Amends the Special Service Area Tax Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that the corporate authorities of a county or a municipality may establish a green special service area. Provides that those green special service areas shall include only property for which each owner of record has executed a contract or agreement with the county or municipality consenting to the inclusion of the property within the green special service area. Provides that the owner of record of each parcel of property within a green special service area may arrange for specific energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements, or water use improvements and may obtain financing for those improvements through the process set forth in the ordinance establishing the green special service area. Provides that counties and municipalities may levy property taxes in connection with green special service areas. Provides that counties and municipalities may issue bonds in connection with green special service areas and may sell, assign, or pledge those bonds to the Illinois Finance Authority. Amends the Counties Code and the Illinois Municipal Code to provide that each county or municipality shall have the power and authority to engage in specified activities that relate to green special service areas. Effective immediately.

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HOUSING  
AFFORDABILITY  
IMPACT NOTE ACT  
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STATE DEBT  
IMPACT NOTE ACT  
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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Finance Authority Act is amended by  
5 changing Sections 820-10, 820-20, and 820-25 and by adding  
6 Section 820-37 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 3501/820-10)

8 Sec. 820-10. Definitions. The following words or terms,  
9 whenever used or referred to in this Article, shall have the  
10 following meanings ascribed to them, except where the context  
11 clearly requires otherwise:

12 (a) "Department" means the Illinois Department of Commerce  
13 and Economic Opportunity.

14 (b) "Unit of local government" means any unit of local  
15 government, as defined in Article VII, Section 1 of the 1970  
16 State Constitution and any local public entity as that term is  
17 defined by the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees  
18 Tort Immunity Act and also includes the State and any  
19 instrumentality, office, officer, department, division,  
20 bureau, commission, college or university thereof.

21 (c) "Energy conservation project" means any improvement,  
22 repair, alteration or betterment of any building or facility or  
23 any equipment, including but not limited to an Energy

1 Efficiency Project, as defined in item (iii) of subsection (b)  
2 of Section 825-65, in connection with any school district or  
3 community college district project, and any fixture or  
4 furnishing including its energy using mechanical devices to be  
5 added to or used in any building or facility that the Director  
6 of the Department has certified to the Authority will be a  
7 cost-effective energy-related project that will lower energy  
8 or utility costs in connection with the operation or  
9 maintenance of such building or facility, and will achieve  
10 energy cost savings sufficient to cover bond debt service and  
11 other project costs within 10 years from the date of project  
12 installation.

13 (d) "Green special service area project" means any energy  
14 efficiency improvement, renewable energy improvement, or water  
15 use improvement as such terms are defined in Section 27-5 of  
16 the Special Service Area Tax Law.

17 (Source: P.A. 97-760, eff. 7-6-12.)

18 (20 ILCS 3501/820-20)

19 Sec. 820-20. Powers and Duties; Illinois Local Government  
20 Financing Assistance Program. The Authority has the power:

21 (a) To purchase from time to time pursuant to negotiated  
22 sale or to otherwise acquire from time to time any local  
23 government securities issued by one or more units of local  
24 government upon such terms and conditions as the Authority may  
25 prescribe;

1           (b) To issue bonds in one or more series pursuant to one or  
2 more resolutions of the Authority for any purpose authorized  
3 under this Article, including without limitation purchasing or  
4 acquiring local government securities, providing for the  
5 payment of any interest deemed necessary on such bonds, paying  
6 for the cost of issuance of such bonds, providing for the  
7 payment of the cost of any guarantees, letters of credit,  
8 insurance contracts or other similar credit support or  
9 liquidity instruments, or providing for the funding of any  
10 reserves deemed necessary in connection with such bonds and  
11 refunding or advance refunding of any such bonds and the  
12 interest and any premium thereon, pursuant to this Act;

13           (c) To provide for the funding of any reserves or other  
14 funds or accounts deemed necessary by the Authority in  
15 connection with any bonds issued by the Authority or local  
16 government securities purchased or otherwise acquired by the  
17 Authority;

18           (d) To pledge any local government security, including any  
19 payments thereon, and any other funds of the Authority or funds  
20 made available to the Authority which may be applied to such  
21 purpose, as security for any bonds or any guarantees, letters  
22 of credit, insurance contracts or similar credit support or  
23 liquidity instruments securing the bonds;

24           (e) To enter into agreements or contracts with third  
25 parties, whether public or private, including without  
26 limitation the United States of America, the State, or any

1 department or agency thereof to obtain any appropriations,  
2 grants, loans or guarantees which are deemed necessary or  
3 desirable by the Authority. Any such guarantee, agreement or  
4 contract may contain terms and provisions necessary or  
5 desirable in connection with the program, subject to the  
6 requirements established by this Article;

7 (f) To charge reasonable fees to defray the cost of  
8 obtaining letters of credit, insurance contracts or other  
9 similar documents, and to charge such other reasonable fees to  
10 defray the cost of trustees, depositories, paying agents, bond  
11 registrars, escrow agents and other administrative expenses.  
12 Any such fees shall be payable by units of local government  
13 whose local government securities are purchased or otherwise  
14 acquired by the Authority pursuant to this Article, in such  
15 amounts and at such times as the Authority shall determine, and  
16 the amount of the fees need not be uniform among the various  
17 units of local government whose local government securities are  
18 purchased or otherwise acquired by the Authority pursuant to  
19 this Article;

20 (g) To obtain and maintain guarantees, letters of credit,  
21 insurance contracts or similar credit support or liquidity  
22 instruments which are deemed necessary or desirable in  
23 connection with any bonds or other obligations of the Authority  
24 or any local government securities;

25 (h) To establish application fees and other service fees  
26 and prescribe application, notification, contract, agreement,

1 security and insurance forms and rules and regulations it deems  
2 necessary or appropriate;

3 (i) To provide technical assistance, at the request of any  
4 unit of local government, with respect to the financing or  
5 refinancing for any public purpose. In fulfillment of this  
6 purpose, the Authority may request assistance from the  
7 Department as necessary; any unit of local government that is  
8 experiencing either a financial emergency as defined in the  
9 Local Government Financial Planning and Supervision Act or a  
10 condition of fiscal crisis evidenced by an impaired ability to  
11 obtain financing for its public purpose projects from  
12 traditional financial channels or impaired ability to fully  
13 fund its obligations to fire, police and municipal employee  
14 pension funds, or to bond payments or reserves, may request  
15 technical assistance from the Authority in the form of a  
16 diagnostic evaluation of its financial condition;

17 (j) To purchase any obligations of the Authority issued  
18 pursuant to this Article;

19 (k) To sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of local  
20 government securities purchased or otherwise acquired by the  
21 Authority pursuant to this Article, including without  
22 limitation, the sale, transfer or other disposition of  
23 undivided fractionalized interests in the right to receive  
24 payments of principal and premium, if any, or the right to  
25 receive payments of interest or the right to receive payments  
26 of principal of and premium, if any, and interest on pools of

1 such local government securities;

2 (l) To acquire, purchase, lease, sell, transfer and  
3 otherwise dispose of real and personal property, or any  
4 interest therein, and to issue its bonds and enter into leases,  
5 contracts and other agreements with units of local government  
6 in connection with such acquisitions, purchases, leases, sales  
7 and other dispositions of such real and personal property;

8 (m) To make loans to banks, savings and loans and other  
9 financial institutions for the purpose of purchasing or  
10 otherwise acquiring local government securities, and to issue  
11 its bonds, and enter into agreements and contracts in  
12 connection with such loans;

13 (n) To enter into agreements or contracts with any person  
14 necessary or appropriate to place the payment obligations of  
15 the Authority under any of its bonds in whole or in part on any  
16 interest rate basis, cash flow basis, or other basis desired by  
17 the Authority, including without limitation agreements or  
18 contracts commonly known as "interest rate swap agreements",  
19 "forward payment conversion agreements", and "futures", or  
20 agreements or contracts to exchange cash flows or a series of  
21 payments, or agreements or contracts, including without  
22 limitation agreements or contracts commonly known as  
23 "options", "puts" or "calls", to hedge payment, rate spread, or  
24 similar exposure; provided, that any such agreement or contract  
25 shall not constitute an obligation for borrowed money, and  
26 shall not be taken into account under Section 845-5 of this Act

1 or any other debt limit of the Authority or the State of  
2 Illinois;

3 (o) To make and enter into all other agreements and  
4 contracts and execute all instruments necessary or incidental  
5 to performance of its duties and the execution of its powers  
6 under this Article;

7 (p) To contract for and finance the costs of energy audits,  
8 project-specific engineering and design specifications, and  
9 any other related analyses preliminary to an energy  
10 conservation project; and, to contract for and finance the cost  
11 of project monitoring and data collection to verify  
12 post-installation energy consumption and energy-related  
13 operating costs. Any such contract shall be executed only after  
14 it has been jointly negotiated by the Authority and the  
15 Department; ~~and~~

16 (p-5) To purchase special service area bonds and to accept  
17 assignments or pledges, or both, of special service area bonds  
18 or agreements relating to public and private green special  
19 service area projects, which authority shall be liberally  
20 construed; and

21 (q) To exercise such other powers as are necessary or  
22 incidental to the foregoing.

23 (Source: P.A. 93-205, eff. 1-1-04.)

24 (20 ILCS 3501/820-25)

25 Sec. 820-25. Unit of Local Government Participation. Any



1 unit of local government is authorized to voluntarily  
2 participate in this program. Any unit of local government which  
3 is authorized to issue, sell and deliver its local government  
4 securities under any provision of the Constitution or laws of  
5 the State may issue, sell and deliver such local government  
6 securities to the Authority under this Article; provided that  
7 and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,  
8 any such unit of local government may issue and sell any such  
9 local government security at any interest rate or rates, which  
10 rate or rates may be established by an index or formula which  
11 may be implemented by persons appointed or retained for those  
12 purposes ~~therefor~~, payable at such time or times, and at such  
13 price or prices to which the unit of local government and the  
14 Authority may agree. Any unit of local government may pay any  
15 amount charged by the Authority pursuant to this Article. Any  
16 unit of local government participating in this program may pay  
17 out of the proceeds of its local government securities or out  
18 of any other moneys or funds available to it for such purposes  
19 any costs, fees, interest deemed necessary, premium or reserves  
20 incurred or required for financing or refinancing this program,  
21 including without limitation any fees charged by the Authority  
22 pursuant to this Article and its share, as determined by the  
23 Authority, of any costs, fees, interest deemed necessary,  
24 premium or reserves incurred or required pursuant to Section  
25 820-20 of this Act. All local government securities purchased  
26 or otherwise acquired by the Authority pursuant to this Act

1 shall upon delivery to the Authority be accompanied by an  
2 approving opinion of bond counsel as to the validity of such  
3 securities. The Authority shall have discretion to purchase or  
4 otherwise acquire those local government securities, as it  
5 shall deem to be in the best interest of its financing program  
6 for all units of local government taken as a whole. Any unit of  
7 local government with the authority in connection with green  
8 special service area projects to provide special service area  
9 financing under the Special Service Area Tax Law is authorized  
10 to issue special service area bonds and sell or assign the  
11 bonds to the Authority or to assign or pledge special service  
12 area bonds or agreements, or both, to the Authority.

13 (Source: P.A. 93-205, eff. 1-1-04.)

14 (20 ILCS 3501/820-37 new)

15 Sec. 820-37. Unit of local government participation;  
16 bonds. The Authority may assist units of local government by  
17 establishing and implementing a program to issue its bonds  
18 secured by special service area agreements assigned or pledged  
19 to the Authority by the local governments so as to provide  
20 financing for green special service area projects. The bonds  
21 shall not constitute an indebtedness or obligation of the  
22 State, and it shall be plainly stated on the face of each bond  
23 that it does not constitute an indebtedness or obligation but  
24 is payable solely from the revenues, income, or other assets of  
25 the Authority that are pledged.

1 Section 10. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing  
2 Section 27-5 and by adding Section 27-97 as follows:

3 (35 ILCS 200/27-5)

4 Sec. 27-5. Short title; definitions. This Article may be  
5 cited as the Special Service Area Tax Law.

6 When used in this Article:

7 "Energy efficiency improvement" means any installation,  
8 modification, or replacement that reduces energy consumption  
9 in any residential, commercial, or industrial building,  
10 structure, or other facility, including, but not limited to,  
11 all of the following:

12 (1) insulation in walls, roofs, floors, foundations,  
13 and heating and cooling distribution systems;

14 (2) storm windows and doors, multiglazed windows and  
15 doors, heat-absorbing or heat-reflective glazed and coated  
16 window and door systems, additional glazing, reductions in  
17 glass area, and other window and door system modifications;

18 (3) automatic energy control systems;

19 (4) high efficiency furnaces, lighting fixtures,  
20 ventilating, or air conditioning and distribution systems;

21 (5) caulking and weather-stripping;

22 (6) facilities, improvements, or systems to bring  
23 natural daylight into buildings; and

24 (7) any other installation, modification, replacement,

1 facility, improvement, rehabilitation, repair, or  
2 remodeling that has the effect of reducing energy  
3 consumption.

4 "Green special service area" means a special service area  
5 created pursuant to Section 27-97 of this Act for the purpose  
6 of providing special services that are energy efficiency  
7 improvements, renewable energy improvements, water use  
8 improvements, or a combination of those improvements. The  
9 corporate authorities of the municipality or county may  
10 establish (i) multiple green special service areas pursuant to  
11 a single ordinance or (ii) multiple buildings, structures,  
12 facilities, improvements, or lots or parcels of land within a  
13 single green special service area, which are not required to be  
14 contiguous. Revenues from multiple green special service areas  
15 and revenues from multiple buildings, structures, facilities,  
16 improvements, or lots or parcels of land within a single green  
17 special service area may be aggregated for a pledge as security  
18 for bonds issued pursuant to Section 27-45 of this Act.

19 "Renewable energy improvement" means any fixture, product,  
20 system, device, or interacting group of those items, for or  
21 servng any residential, commercial, or industrial building,  
22 structure, or other facility that produces energy from  
23 renewable energy resources as defined in Section 1-10 of the  
24 Illinois Power Agency Act.

25 "Special Service Area" means a contiguous area within a  
26 municipality or county in which, except as provided in this Act

1 concerning green special service areas, special governmental  
2 services are provided in addition to those services provided  
3 generally throughout the municipality or county, the cost of  
4 the special services to be paid from revenues collected from  
5 taxes levied or imposed upon property within that area.  
6 Territory shall be considered contiguous for purposes of this  
7 Article even though certain completely surrounded portions of  
8 the territory are excluded from the special service area. A  
9 county may create a special service area within a municipality  
10 or municipalities when the municipality or municipalities  
11 consent to the creation of the special service area. A  
12 municipality may create a special service area within a  
13 municipality and the unincorporated area of a county or within  
14 another municipality when the county or other municipality  
15 consents to the creation of the special service area.

16 "Special Services" means all forms of services pertaining  
17 to the government and affairs of the municipality or county,  
18 including, but not limited to, weather modification, energy  
19 efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements, water  
20 use improvements, and improvements permissible under Article 9  
21 of the Illinois Municipal Code, and contracts for the supply of  
22 water as described in Section 11-124-1 of the Illinois  
23 Municipal Code which may be entered into by the municipality or  
24 by the county on behalf of a county service area.

25 "Water use improvement" means any fixture, product,  
26 system, device, or interacting group of those items, for or

1 servng any residential, commercial, or industrial building,  
2 structure, or other facility that has the effect of conserving  
3 water resources through improved water management or  
4 efficiency.

5 (Source: P.A. 86-1324; 88-445.)

6 (35 ILCS 200/27-97 new)

7 Sec. 27-97. Green special service areas.

8 (a) The corporate authorities of a municipality or county  
9 may establish a green special service area, or multiple green  
10 special service areas under a single ordinance, for the purpose  
11 of arranging and financing energy efficiency improvements,  
12 renewable energy improvements, or water use improvements. Each  
13 green special service area shall include only property for  
14 which each owner of record has executed a contract or agreement  
15 consenting to the inclusion of the property within the green  
16 special service area, and the contract may be executed  
17 subsequent to the adoption of the ordinance of the corporate  
18 authorities establishing the green special service area. The  
19 inclusion, or, as applicable, deletion, of property within the  
20 green special service area subsequent to the adoption of the  
21 ordinance of the corporate authorities establishing the green  
22 special service area may be made either (i) by the adoption of  
23 a supplemental or amending ordinance of the corporate  
24 authorities or (ii) pursuant to authority in the establishing  
25 ordinance designating one or more county or municipal officers,

1 as applicable, to include, or, as applicable, delete, other  
2 properties. Green special service areas are exempt from the  
3 provisions of Sections 27-20, 27-25, 27-30, 27-35, 27-40,  
4 27-55, 27-60, 27-65, and 27-70 of this Act. A municipality or  
5 county may create a green special service area by an ordinance  
6 establishing the green special service area. Each owner of  
7 record of property within a green special service area may  
8 arrange for the specific energy efficiency improvements,  
9 renewable energy improvements, or water use improvements and  
10 may obtain financing for those improvements through the process  
11 set forth in the ordinance establishing the green special  
12 service area. A green special service area may consist of a  
13 single building, structure, facility, improvement, or lot or  
14 parcel of land. The corporate authorities of a municipality or  
15 county may establish multiple green special service areas  
16 pursuant to a single ordinance or, within a single green  
17 special service area, identify multiple buildings, structures,  
18 facilities, improvements, or lots or parcels of land, whether  
19 or not contiguous. Revenues from multiple green special service  
20 areas or revenues from multiple buildings, structures,  
21 facilities, improvements, or lots or parcels of land within a  
22 single green special service area may be aggregated for a  
23 pledge as security for bonds issued pursuant to Section 27-45  
24 of this Act.

25 Municipalities and counties shall have the power to issue  
26 bonds under Section 27-45 for the public purposes set forth in

1 this Section 27-97, provided that it is not necessary to  
2 conduct a public hearing, as required in Section 27-45, in  
3 connection with the issuance of those bonds.

4 (b) The corporate authorities of a county or municipality  
5 that establishes a green special service area shall levy a tax  
6 pursuant to Section 27-75 of this Act on all property in a  
7 green special service area where each owner of record has  
8 entered into a contract or agreement for improvements, provided  
9 that it is not necessary to file a copy of the notice of public  
10 hearing with the County Clerk as otherwise required by Section  
11 27-45. The contract or agreement entered into with the owner of  
12 the property shall be conclusive as to the due authorization  
13 and establishment of the applicable green special service area  
14 as it relates to that property and to the amount of special tax  
15 to be levied and extended against the property for the  
16 improvements. A contract or agreement may specify tax levies  
17 pursuant to Section 27-75 of this Act related to the applicable  
18 energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements,  
19 water use improvements, or a combination thereof, or as  
20 applicable to the principal of and interest on bonds issued,  
21 including as a part of a larger pooled or composite issue, for  
22 financing those improvements. The specified tax levies in a  
23 contract or agreement when recorded as provided in subsection  
24 (c) of this Section and filed with the county clerk shall be  
25 authority for each affected county to extend and collect the  
26 levied taxes for the applicable municipality or county, or



1 both, with respect to each such contract or agreement.  
2 Municipalities must have consent from the County Clerk before  
3 creating a green special service area.

4 (c) The contract or agreement in subsection (b) of this  
5 Section shall be in recordable form and shall be recorded in  
6 the office of the recorder in the county where the property is  
7 located.

8 (d) Any unit of local government with the authority to  
9 provide special service area financing in connection with green  
10 special service area projects, as provided in the Special  
11 Service Area Tax Law, is authorized to do any of the following:

12 (i) issue special service area bonds, (ii) sell or assign those  
13 bonds to the Authority, and (iii) assign or pledge those  
14 special service area bonds, agreements relating to public and  
15 private green special service area projects, or both to the  
16 Illinois Finance Authority.

17 (e) This Section shall be liberally construed to effect the  
18 legislative purpose of enabling taxpayers to make energy  
19 efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements, or  
20 water use improvements to their properties.

21 Section 15. The Counties Code is amended by changing  
22 Section 5-1005 as follows:

23 (55 ILCS 5/5-1005) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-1005)

24 Sec. 5-1005. Powers. Each county shall have power:

1           1. To purchase and hold the real and personal estate  
2 necessary for the uses of the county, and to purchase and  
3 hold, for the benefit of the county, real estate sold by  
4 virtue of judicial proceedings in which the county is  
5 plaintiff.

6           2. To sell and convey or lease any real or personal  
7 estate owned by the county.

8           3. To make all contracts and do all other acts in  
9 relation to the property and concerns of the county  
10 necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers.

11           4. To take all necessary measures and institute  
12 proceedings to enforce all laws for the prevention of  
13 cruelty to animals.

14           5. To purchase and hold or lease real estate upon which  
15 may be erected and maintained buildings to be utilized for  
16 purposes of agricultural experiments and to purchase, hold  
17 and use personal property for the care and maintenance of  
18 such real estate in connection with such experimental  
19 purposes.

20           6. To cause to be erected, or otherwise provided,  
21 suitable buildings for, and maintain a county hospital and  
22 necessary branch hospitals and/or a county sheltered care  
23 home or county nursing home for the care of such sick,  
24 chronically ill or infirm persons as may by law be proper  
25 charges upon the county, or upon other governmental units,  
26 and to provide for the management of the same. The county

1 board may establish rates to be paid by persons seeking  
2 care and treatment in such hospital or home in accordance  
3 with their financial ability to meet such charges, either  
4 personally or through a hospital plan or hospital  
5 insurance, and the rates to be paid by governmental units,  
6 including the State, for the care of sick, chronically ill  
7 or infirm persons admitted therein upon the request of such  
8 governmental units. Any hospital maintained by a county  
9 under this Section is authorized to provide any service and  
10 enter into any contract or other arrangement not prohibited  
11 for a hospital that is licensed under the Hospital  
12 Licensing Act, incorporated under the General  
13 Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, and exempt from taxation  
14 under paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of Section 501 of the  
15 Internal Revenue Code.

16 7. To contribute such sums of money toward erecting,  
17 building, maintaining, and supporting any non-sectarian  
18 public hospital located within its limits as the county  
19 board of the county shall deem proper.

20 8. To purchase and hold real estate for the  
21 preservation of forests, prairies and other natural areas  
22 and to maintain and regulate the use thereof.

23 9. To purchase and hold real estate for the purpose of  
24 preserving historical spots in the county, to restore,  
25 maintain and regulate the use thereof and to donate any  
26 historical spot to the State.

1           10. To appropriate funds from the county treasury to be  
2 used in any manner to be determined by the board for the  
3 suppression, eradication and control of tuberculosis among  
4 domestic cattle in such county.

5           11. To take all necessary measures to prevent forest  
6 fires and encourage the maintenance and planting of trees  
7 and the preservation of forests.

8           12. To authorize the closing on Saturday mornings of  
9 all offices of all county officers at the county seat of  
10 each county, and to otherwise regulate and fix the days and  
11 the hours of opening and closing of such offices, except  
12 when the days and the hours of opening and closing of the  
13 office of any county officer are otherwise fixed by law;  
14 but the power herein conferred shall not apply to the  
15 office of State's Attorney and the offices of judges and  
16 clerks of courts and, in counties of 500,000 or more  
17 population, the offices of county clerk.

18           13. To provide for the conservation, preservation and  
19 propagation of insectivorous birds through the expenditure  
20 of funds provided for such purpose.

21           14. To appropriate funds from the county treasury and  
22 expend the same for care and treatment of tuberculosis  
23 residents.

24           15. In counties having less than 1,000,000  
25 inhabitants, to take all necessary or proper steps for the  
26 extermination of mosquitoes, flies or other insects within

1 the county.

2 16. To install an adequate system of accounts and  
3 financial records in the offices and divisions of the  
4 county, suitable to the needs of the office and in  
5 accordance with generally accepted principles of  
6 accounting for governmental bodies, which system may  
7 include such reports as the county board may determine.

8 17. To purchase and hold real estate for the  
9 construction and maintenance of motor vehicle parking  
10 facilities for persons using county buildings, but the  
11 purchase and use of such real estate shall not be for  
12 revenue producing purposes.

13 18. To acquire and hold title to real property located  
14 within the county, or partly within and partly outside the  
15 county by dedication, purchase, gift, legacy or lease, for  
16 park and recreational purposes and to charge reasonable  
17 fees for the use of or admission to any such park or  
18 recreational area and to provide police protection for such  
19 park or recreational area. Personnel employed to provide  
20 such police protection shall be conservators of the peace  
21 within such park or recreational area and shall have power  
22 to make arrests on view of the offense or upon warrants for  
23 violation of any of the ordinances governing such park or  
24 recreational area or for any breach of the peace in the  
25 same manner as the police in municipalities organized and  
26 existing under the general laws of the State. All such real

1 property outside the county shall be contiguous to the  
2 county and within the boundaries of the State of Illinois.

3 19. To appropriate funds from the county treasury to be  
4 used to provide supportive social services designed to  
5 prevent the unnecessary institutionalization of elderly  
6 residents, or, for operation of, and equipment for, senior  
7 citizen centers providing social services to elderly  
8 residents.

9 20. To appropriate funds from the county treasury and  
10 loan such funds to a county water commission created under  
11 the "Water Commission Act", approved June 30, 1984, as now  
12 or hereafter amended, in such amounts and upon such terms  
13 as the county may determine or the county and the  
14 commission may agree. The county shall not under any  
15 circumstances be obligated to make such loans. The county  
16 shall not be required to charge interest on any such loans.

17 21. To appropriate and expend funds from the county  
18 treasury for economic development purposes, including the  
19 making of grants to any other governmental entity or  
20 commercial enterprise deemed necessary or desirable for  
21 the promotion of economic development in the county.

22 22. To lease space on a telecommunications tower to a  
23 public or private entity.

24 23. In counties having a population of 100,000 or less  
25 and a public building commission organized by the county  
26 seat of the county, to cause to be erected or otherwise

1 provided, and to maintain or cause to be maintained,  
2 suitable facilities to house students pursuing a  
3 post-secondary education at an academic institution  
4 located within the county. The county may provide for the  
5 management of the facilities.

6 24. To engage in and undertake activities related to  
7 and in connection with governmental and private energy  
8 efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements,  
9 and water use improvements as defined in the Special  
10 Service Area Tax Law, including, but not limited to,  
11 special service areas related to green special service area  
12 financing for energy efficiency improvements, renewable  
13 energy improvements, and water use improvements whether on  
14 public or private property, under the Special Service Area  
15 Tax Law. This item shall be liberally construed to effect  
16 the legislative purpose of enabling taxpayers to make  
17 energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy  
18 improvements, and water use improvements to or serving the  
19 designated properties.

20 All contracts for the purchase of coal under this Section  
21 shall be subject to the provisions of "An Act concerning the  
22 use of Illinois mined coal in certain plants and institutions",  
23 filed July 13, 1937, as amended.

24 (Source: P.A. 95-197, eff. 8-16-07; 95-813, eff. 1-1-09;  
25 96-622, eff. 8-24-09.)

1 Section 20. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by  
2 adding Division 15.4 to Article 11 as follows:

3 (65 ILCS 5/Art. 11 Div. 15.4 heading new)

4 DIVISION 15.4. GREEN SPECIAL SERVICE AREAS

5 (65 ILCS 5/11-15.4-1 new)

6 Sec. 11-15.4-1. Green special service areas. Each  
7 municipality shall have the power and authority to engage in  
8 and undertake activities related to and in connection with  
9 governmental and private energy efficiency improvements,  
10 renewable energy improvements, and water use improvements as  
11 defined in the Special Service Area Tax Law, including, but not  
12 limited to, special service area financing related to green  
13 special service areas for energy efficiency improvements,  
14 renewable energy improvements, and water use improvements  
15 whether on public or private property, under the Special  
16 Service Area Tax Law. This Section shall be liberally construed  
17 to effect the legislative purpose of enabling taxpayers to make  
18 energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements,  
19 or water use improvements to or serving the designated  
20 properties.

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



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2 Statutes amended in order of appearance

3 20 ILCS 3501/820-10

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6 20 ILCS 3501/820-37 new

7 35 ILCS 200/27-5

8 35 ILCS 200/27-97 new

9 55 ILCS 5/5-1005 from Ch. 34, par. 5-1005

10 65 ILCS 5/Art. 11 Div.

11 15.4 heading new

12 65 ILCS 5/11-15.4-1 new