

# HB4388



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

**HB4388**

by Rep. Kelly Burke

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 810/21

from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6424

Amends the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act. Provides that no district may incur indebtedness for the acquisition of land or lands for any purpose in excess of 90,000 acres (currently, 75,000 acres) without prior certification to the proper election officials and approval by the district's voters. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 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 Cook County Forest Preserve District Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 21 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 810/21) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6424)

7 Sec. 21. The board may, for any of the purposes enumerated  
8 in this Act, borrow money upon the faith and credit of such  
9 district, and may issue bonds therefor. However, a district may  
10 not become indebted in any manner or for any purpose to an  
11 amount including existing indebtedness in the aggregate  
12 exceeding .345% of the assessed value of the taxable property  
13 therein, as ascertained by the last equalized assessment for  
14 State and county purposes. Except for indebtedness incurred  
15 under Section 21.1 of this Act and except for indebtedness  
16 incurred to construct, acquire, equip, repair, and renovate  
17 buildings or other improvements to land of the district or to  
18 acquire equipment for the district, no district may incur  
19 indebtedness for any purpose other than the acquisition of land  
20 including acquiring lands in fee simple along or enclosing  
21 water courses, drainage ways, lakes, ponds, planned  
22 impoundments or elsewhere which are required to store flood  
23 waters or control other drainage and water conditions necessary

1 for the preservation and management of the water resources of  
2 the district, unless the proposition to issue bonds or  
3 otherwise incur indebtedness is first certified by the district  
4 to the proper election officials, who shall submit the  
5 proposition to the legal voters of the district at an election  
6 in accordance with the general election law and approved by a  
7 majority of those voting upon the proposition. No district may  
8 incur indebtedness for the acquisition of land or lands for any  
9 purpose in excess of 90,000 ~~75,000~~ acres, including all lands  
10 theretofore acquired, unless the proposition to issue bonds or  
11 otherwise incur indebtedness is first certified by the district  
12 to the proper election officials, who shall submit the  
13 proposition to the voters of the district at an election in  
14 accordance with the general election law and approved by a  
15 majority of those voting upon the proposition. Before or at the  
16 time of issuing bonds, the board shall provide by ordinance for  
17 the collection of an annual tax sufficient to pay the interest  
18 on the bonds as it falls due, and to pay the bonds as they  
19 mature. All bonds issued by any forest preserve district must  
20 be divided into series, the first of which matures not later  
21 than 5 years after the date of issue and the last of which  
22 matures not later than 30 years after the date of issue.

23 (Source: P.A. 88-503.)

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