

AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing Section 3-5 and by adding Section 3-52 as follows:

(35 ILCS 200/3-5)

Sec. 3-5. Supervisor of assessments. In counties with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants and in which no county assessor has been elected under Section 3-45, there shall be a county supervisor of assessments, either appointed as provided in this Section, or elected.

In counties with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants and not having an elected county assessor or an elected supervisor of assessments, the office of supervisor of assessments shall be filled by appointment by the presiding officer of the county board with the advice and consent of the county board.

To be eligible for appointment or to be eligible to file nomination papers or participate as a candidate in any primary or general election for, or be elected to, the office of supervisor of assessments, or to enter upon the duties of the office, a person must possess one of the following qualifications as certified by the individual to the county clerk:

(1) A Certified Illinois Assessing Official certificate from the Illinois Property Assessment Institute, plus the additional training required for additional compensation under Section 4-10.

(2) A Certified Assessment Evaluator certificate from the International Association of Assessing Officers.

(3) A Member of the Appraisal Institute (MAI), Residential Member (RM), Senior Real Estate Analyst (SREA), Senior Real Property Analyst (SRPA) or Senior Residential Analyst (SRA) certificate from the Appraisal Institute or its predecessor organizations.

(4) If the person has served as a supervisor of assessments for 12 years or more, a Certified Illinois Assessing Official certificate from the Illinois Property Assessment Institute with a minimum of 360 additional hours of successfully completed courses approved by the Department if at least 180 of the course hours required a written examination.

In addition, a person must have had at least 2 years' experience in the field of property sales, assessments, finance or appraisals and must have passed an examination conducted by the Department to determine his or her competence to hold the office. The examination may be conducted by the Department at a convenient location in the county or region. Notice of the time and place shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the counties, at least one week prior to

the exam. The Department shall certify to the county board a list of the names and scores of persons who pass the examination. The Department may provide by rule the maximum time that the name of a person who has passed the examination will be included on a list of persons eligible for appointment or election. The term of office shall be 4 years from the date of appointment and until a successor is appointed and qualified, or a successor is elected and qualified under Section 3-52.

(Source: P.A. 92-667, eff. 7-16-02.)

(35 ILCS 200/3-52 new)

Sec. 3-52. Election or appointment of county assessors or county supervisors of assessments.

(a) In counties with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the county may change the manner in which it selects its county assessor or county supervisor of assessments upon:

(1) adoption of an ordinance by the county board or county board of commissioners requiring the county assessor or county supervisor of assessments to be elected or appointed, as applicable; or

(2) the filing of a petition with the county board or the county board of commissioners, subject to the petition requirements of Section 28-3 of the Election Code and signed by 2% of the registered voters of the county, requiring the county assessor or county supervisor of

assessments to be elected or appointed, as applicable.

(b) If an ordinance is adopted or a petition is filed meeting the requirements of subsection (a), then the county clerk shall certify the proposition to the appropriate election authorities, who shall submit a referendum, subject to the requirements of Section 16-7 of the Election Code, to be placed on the ballot at the next following general election in substantially the following form:

Shall the (county assessor or county supervisor of assessments, as applicable) be (elected rather than appointed or appointed rather than elected, as applicable)?

The votes shall be recorded as "Yes" or "No". The referendum is approved when a majority of the votes cast on the referendum approve the referendum.

(c) After the approval of a referendum under subsection (b):

(1) if voters approve the referendum to make the county assessor or county supervisor of assessments position elected rather than appointed, then the county assessor or county supervisor of assessments shall be elected at the general election next following the approval of the referendum and at the general election every 4 years thereafter; the elected county assessor or county supervisor of assessments shall serve until a successor is elected and qualified; the term of any appointed county

assessor or county supervisor of assessments serving at the time of the approval of the referendum shall end when a successor is elected and qualified; and

(2) if the voters approve a referendum to make the county assessor or county supervisor of assessments position appointed rather than elected, then, at the conclusion of the term of the elected county assessor or county supervisor of assessments serving at the time of the approval of the referendum, the county assessor or county supervisor of assessments shall be appointed by the county board or county board of commissioners to a 4-year term and shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualified.

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