

County Officials Legislation

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| HOUSE BILLS | | | |
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| Bill | Sponsor | Title | Summary |
| HB 292 | D. McSweeney | lobbyist-prohibitions | Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Provides that no member of the General Assembly shall, during his or her term of office, negotiate for employment with a lobbying entity if that lobbying entity engages in lobbying with members of the General Assembly during that member's term of office. Provides that no former member that is registered as a lobbyist shall lobby regarding a bill that he or she voted on during his or her term of office as a member of the General Assembly. Amends the Lobbyist Registration Act. Provides that a person required to be registered under the Act, his or her spouse, and his or her immediate family members living with that person may not serve as a member of a county board. Amends the Counties Code to provide that no person is eligible to hold office as a county board member, commissioner, or executive if he or she is required to be registered as a lobbyist under the Lobbyist Registration Act. Makes conforming changes. |
| HB 301 | D. McSweeney | lobbyist-county bd prohibition | Amends the Lobbyist Registration Act. Provides that a person required to be registered under the Act, his or her spouse, and his or her immediate family members living with that person may not serve as a member of a county board. Amends the Counties Code to provide that no person is eligible to hold office as a county board member, commissioner, or executive if he or she is required to be registered as a lobbyist under the Lobbyist Registration Act. Makes conforming changes. |

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| HB 1443 | J. Hoffman | officers-simultaneous tenure | Amends the Public Officer Simultaneous Tenure Act. Provides that it is lawful for a person to hold the office of county board member and the office of park district commissioner, simultaneously, in counties of less than 300,000 population. Effective immediately. |
| HB 1495 | T. Weber* | county board chairman removal | Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a chairman of a county board who is chosen by the board may be removed, with or without cause, upon a motion adopted by an affirmative vote of four-fifths of the board. Provides that upon adoption of a motion to remove the chairman: (i) the chairman position becomes vacant the and former chairman's compensation shall be prorated to the date the motion was approved; (ii) the vice-chairman immediately assumes the duties of chairman without chairman compensation; and (iii) a new chairman shall be elected at the next regularly scheduled county board meeting. Further provides that a chairman removed maintains his or her status as a member of the county board. Effective immediately. |
| HB 2184 | N. Manley | local officials hiring self | Amends the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act. Provides that no person holding an office, either by election or appointment, in a unit of local government may hire himself or herself to a position over which that official has supervisory authority. |

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| HB 2559 | D. Didech | county board chairman removal | Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a chairman of a county board who is chosen by the board may be removed, with or without cause, upon a motion adopted by an affirmative vote of four-fifths of the board. Provides that upon adoption of a motion to remove the chairman: (i) the chairman position becomes vacant the and former chairman's compensation shall be prorated to the date the motion was approved; (ii) the vice-chairman immediately assumes the duties of chairman without chairman compensation; and (iii) a new chairman shall be elected at the next regularly scheduled county board meeting. Further provides that a chairman removed maintains his or her status as a member of the county board. |
| HB 2729 | D. Didech | lake co-board member salaries | Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a member of the Lake County Board shall not receive a salary or other compensation from Lake County if they are receiving benefits from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. Provides that if a member of the Lake County Board is receiving benefits from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund on the effective date of the amendatory Act, the member's salary and compensation shall be reduced to zero at the beginning of the member's next term. Effective immediately. |
| HB 3148 | B. Halbrook | removal of appointed officials | Creates the Local Volunteer Board Member Removal Act. Provides that the person or entity that appointed a member of a volunteer board or commission may remove that member for misconduct, official misconduct, or neglect of office. Provides that removal under the Act is in addition to any other method of removal provided by law. |

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| HB 3317 | D. McSweeney | mchenry county- various | <p>Creates the McHenry County Equitable Standards and Governmental Efficiency Law in the Counties Code. Allows the county board to require the election of specified special district trustees that it appoints. Allows the county board chairperson to: eliminate advisory committees or commissions; create standing committees and appoint members; set county board or committee meeting agendas; have line-item veto powers; and hire independent legal counsel or a parliamentarian or both; approve all appropriation expenditures before they are paid; reduce or divert moneys from a county fund with assets exceeding 150% of the previous year's expenditures on a ratable basis to taxpayers. Allows the county board to appoint an inspector general to investigate waste, fraud, and abuse. Provides that, on the effective date of the amendatory Act, the elected chairperson of the county board is a county office distinct from the county board. Terminates the office of county recorder and the office of the county auditor. Amends the Local Government Reduction and Efficiency Division of the Counties Code. Provides that a county board may prohibit or limit a unit of local government that it has proposed to consolidate from starting a capital program, building project, or land acquisition for a set period of time, not to exceed 2 years, while the county board pursues possible consolidation. Effective immediately.</p> |
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| HB 3447 | J. Cabello | public officials-body cameras | Creates the Public Official Body Camera Act. Provides that the State Board of Elections shall develop rules for the use of body cameras by public officials of the State. Specifies requirements concerning the use of body cameras. Provides that recordings made with the use of a body camera worn by a public official are not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that the recordings may be used as evidence in any administrative, judicial, legislative, or disciplinary proceeding. Provides that if a court or other finder of fact finds by a preponderance of the evidence that a recording was intentionally not captured, destroyed, altered, or intermittently captured in violation of the Act, then the court or other finder of fact shall consider or be instructed to consider that violation in weighing the evidence, unless the State provides a reasonable justification. Makes conforming changes to the Freedom of Information Act. |
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| HB 3501 | N. Manley | Property assessed clean energy act | Amends the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act. Expands and changes the financing or refinancing that a governmental unit (rather than a local unit of government) or the Illinois Finance Authority may use for assessment contracts. Provides that a governmental unit or the Authority may sale and assign assessment contracts without competitive bidding or the solicitation of requests for proposals or requests for qualifications. Changes elements required in an ordinance or resolution establishing a property assessed clean energy program. Changes elements required to be included in a property assessed clean energy program report. Changes requirements of assessment contracts in a program. Provides that assessments under the program may be included in property tax bills and establishes procedures for billing and collection of assessments. Modifies how PACE bonds are issued and paid, including that the State will not limit or alter the rights and powers vested in governmental units by this Act or in the Authority in accordance with this Act. Provides that the provisions of the Act are intended to be supplemental and in addition to all other powers or authorities granted to any governmental unit, shall be construed liberally, and shall not be construed as a limitation of any power or authority otherwise granted. Requires PACE bonds to contain a recital. Validates all actions and bonds issued prior to the effective date of the amendatory Act. Repeals provisions on joint property assessed clean energy programs. Makes other changes. Effective immediately. |
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| HB 3591 | S. Yingling | local gov-reduce stipends | Amends the Property Tax Code, the Counties Code, and the Clerks of Courts Act. Makes changes to provisions concerning stipends paid to supervisors of assessments, county treasurers, county coroners, county recorders, county auditors, sheriffs, and clerks of the circuit court to provide that: (1) in counties with a population under 100,000, those officials shall receive a full stipend amount; (2) in counties with a population of 100,000 or more but less than 400,000, those officials shall receive 50% of the stipend amount; and (3) in counties with a population of 400,000 or more, those officials shall receive no stipend. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately. |
| HB 3593 | S. Yingling | county board chairman removal | Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a chairman of a county board who is chosen by the board may be removed, with or without cause, upon a motion adopted by an affirmative vote of four-fifths of the board. Provides that upon adoption of a motion to remove the chairman: (i) the chairman position becomes vacant the and former chairman's compensation shall be prorated to the date the motion was approved; (ii) the vice-chairman immediately assumes the duties of chairman without chairman compensation; and (iii) a new chairman shall be elected at the next regularly scheduled county board meeting. Further provides that a chairman removed maintains his or her status as a member of the county board. |
| HB 3594 | S. Yingling | county officials-compensation | Amends the Property Tax Code, the Counties Code, and the Clerks of the Courts Act. Provides that assessors, county treasurers, coroners, sheriffs, recorders of deeds, clerks of the circuit court, and other county officers whose terms of office begin on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall not receive a stipend. Effective immediately. |

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| HB 3595 | S. Yingling | cnty officials-compensation | Amends the Property Tax Code, the Counties Code, and the Clerks of the Courts Act. Provides that assessors, county treasurers, coroners, sheriffs, recorders of deeds, clerks of the circuit court, and other county officers in counties with a population greater than 500,000 whose terms of office begin on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall not receive a stipend. Effective immediately. |
| HB 3597 | S. Yingling | prop tx-county assessor | Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, in a county with a population of more than 500,000 that does not have an elected county board chairman or executive and has an appointed supervisor of assessments, the office of supervisor of assessments shall be an elected position beginning with the general election held in 2020. The supervisor of assessments serving on the date of the election shall continue to serve until his or her successor is elected and qualified. |
| HB 3605 | R. Martwick | cook co assessor-appointment | Amends the County Assessment Officials Article of the Property Tax Code. Provides that on the expiration of the term of the county assessor in office (in counties with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants) on the effective date of the amendatory Act, the county assessor shall be appointed by the president of the county board of commissioners and subject to confirmation and oversight by the county board of commissioners. |
| HB 3680 | T. Bennett | counties code-auditor duties | Amends the Counties Code. In provisions regarding additional duties of county auditors in counties of 275,000 population or less, provides that the following duties are permissive rather than mandatory: being the general accountant of the county and keep its general accounts; and devising and installing a system of financial records in the offices and divisions of the county. Effective immediately. |
| SENATE BILLS | | | |

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| SB 97 | C. Weaver | st ethics-family member-lobby | Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Requires all persons who must file a statement of economic interests to disclose the name of any immediate family member who is a registered lobbyist. Defines immediate family member as a spouse, parent, child, stepchild, adopted child, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandparent, or grandchild. |
| SB 1218 | M. Bush | county board chairman removal | Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a chairman of a county board who is chosen by the board may be removed, with or without cause, upon a motion adopted by an affirmative vote of four-fifths of the board. Provides that upon adoption of a motion to remove the chairman: (i) the chairman position becomes vacant the and former chairman's compensation shall be prorated to the date the motion was approved; (ii) the vice-chairman immediately assumes the duties of chairman without chairman compensation; and (iii) a new chairman shall be elected at the next regularly scheduled county board meeting. Further provides that a chairman removed maintains his or her status as a member of the county board. Effective immediately. |
| SB 1827 | J. Morrison | govt ethics-economic interests | Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Creates a uniform statement of economic interest form that must be completed by all persons who are required to file that form under the Act. Changes the nature of the required disclosures that must be made. Requires candidates filing for Supreme Court Judge, appellate court judge, or circuit court judge to file his or her statement of economic interests in written or printed form. Repeals a provision that established a separate form for persons required to file a statement of economic interests with county clerks. Defines terms. Adds applicability clause. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately. |