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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2044

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 2044, AS AMENDED,  
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section  
6 5-1192 as follows:

7 (55 ILCS 5/5-1192 new)

8 Sec. 5-1192. Web-based signature. A county may allow a  
9 person to sign any document with a web-based signature if the  
10 county uses a secure web-based platform. This Section does not  
11 apply to a nominating or candidate petition or a referendum  
12 petition.

13 Section 10. The Township Code is amended by adding Section  
14 85-70 as follows:

1 (60 ILCS 1/85-70 new)

2 Sec. 85-70. Web-based signature. A township may allow a  
3 person to sign any document with a web-based signature if the  
4 township uses a secure web-based platform. This Section does  
5 not apply to a nominating or candidate petition or a  
6 referendum petition.

7 Section 15. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by  
8 adding Section 1-1-13 as follows:

9 (65 ILCS 5/1-1-13 new)

10 Sec. 1-1-13. Web-based signature. A municipality may allow  
11 a person to sign any document with a web-based signature if the  
12 municipality uses a secure web-based platform. This Section  
13 does not apply to a nominating or candidate petition or a  
14 referendum petition.

15 Section 20. The Conservation District Act is amended by  
16 changing Section 12 as follows:

17 (70 ILCS 410/12) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 7112)

18 Sec. 12. To the extent necessary to carry out the purpose  
19 of this Act and in addition to any other powers, duties and  
20 functions vested in a district by law, but subject to such  
21 limitations and restrictions as are imposed elsewhere by this  
22 Act or another law, a district is authorized and empowered:

1           (a) To adopt by-laws, adopt and use a common seal, enter  
2 into contracts, acquire and hold real and personal estate and  
3 take such other actions as may be necessary for the proper  
4 conduct of its affairs.

5           (b) To make and publish all ordinances, rules and  
6 regulations necessary for the management and protection of its  
7 property and the conduct of its affairs.

8           (c) To study and ascertain the district's wildland and  
9 other open space resources and outdoor recreation facilities,  
10 the need for preserving such resources and providing such  
11 facilities and the extent to which such needs are being  
12 currently met and to prepare and adopt a co-ordinated plan of  
13 areas and facilities to meet such needs.

14           (d) To acquire by gift, legacy, purchase, condemnation in  
15 the manner provided for the exercise of the right of eminent  
16 domain under the Eminent Domain Act, lease, agreement or  
17 otherwise the fee or any lesser right or interest in real  
18 property and to hold the same with or without public access for  
19 open space, wildland, scenic roadway, pathway, outdoor  
20 recreation, or other conservation benefits. A district that is  
21 entirely within a county of under 200,000 inhabitants and  
22 contiguous to a county of more than 2,000,000 inhabitants and  
23 that is authorized by referendum as provided in subsection (d)  
24 of Section 15 to incur indebtedness over 0.575% but not to  
25 exceed 1.725% may acquire an interest in real estate by  
26 condemnation only if approved by an affirmative vote of

1 two-thirds of the total number of trustees authorized for that  
2 district; such a district may exchange, sell, or otherwise  
3 dispose of any portion of any interest in real estate acquired  
4 by it by any means within 2 years of acquiring that interest,  
5 provided that a public hearing on the exchange, sale or other  
6 disposition of such real estate or interest therein is held  
7 prior to such action.

8 The Department of Natural Resources, the county board, or  
9 the governing body of any municipality, district or public  
10 corporation may, upon request of the conservation district,  
11 set apart and transfer any real or personal property owned or  
12 controlled by it and not devoted or dedicated to any other  
13 inconsistent public use, to the conservation district. In  
14 acquiring or accepting land or rights thereto, due  
15 consideration shall be given to its open space, outdoor  
16 recreation or other conservation values and no real property  
17 shall be acquired or accepted which in the opinion of the  
18 district or the Department of Natural Resources is of low  
19 value from the standpoint of its proposed use.

20 (e) To classify, designate, plan, develop, preserve,  
21 administer and maintain all areas, places and facilities in  
22 which it has an interest, and construct, reconstruct, alter  
23 and renew buildings and other structures, and equip and  
24 maintain the same.

25 (f) To accept gifts, grants, legacies, contributions and  
26 appropriations of money and other personal property for

1 conservation purposes.

2 (g) To employ and fix the compensation of an executive  
3 officer who shall be responsible to the board for the carrying  
4 out of its policies. The executive officer shall have the  
5 power, subject to the approval of the board, to employ and fix  
6 the compensation of such assistants and employees as the board  
7 may consider necessary for carrying out the purposes and  
8 provisions of this Act.

9 (h) To charge and collect reasonable fees for the use of  
10 such facilities, privileges and conveniences as may be  
11 provided.

12 (i) To police its property and to exercise police powers  
13 in respect thereto or in respect to the enforcement of any rule  
14 or regulation provided by the ordinances of the district and  
15 to employ and commission police officers and other qualified  
16 persons to enforce the same.

17 (j) To undertake studies pertaining to the natural  
18 history, archaeology, history or conservation of natural  
19 resources of the county.

20 (k) To lease land for a period not longer than 50 years  
21 from the date of the lease to a responsible person, firm, or  
22 corporation for construction, reconstruction, alteration,  
23 renewal, equipment, furnishing, extension, development,  
24 operation and maintenance of lodges, housekeeping and sleeping  
25 cabins, swimming pools, golf courses, campgrounds, sand  
26 beaches, marinas, convention and entertainment centers, roads

1 and parking areas, and other related buildings and facilities.  
2 In any lease of land leased pursuant to this subsection (k),  
3 upon expiration of the lease title to all structures on the  
4 leased land shall be vested in the district.

5 (l) To lease any building or facility constructed,  
6 reconstructed, altered, renewed, equipped, furnished,  
7 extended, developed, and maintained by the district to a  
8 responsible person, firm, or corporation for operation or  
9 development, or both, and maintenance for a period not longer  
10 than 20 years from the date of the lease.

11 (m) To allow a person to sign any document with a web-based  
12 signature if the district uses a secure web-based platform.

13 (Source: P.A. 94-1055, eff. 1-1-07.)

14 Section 25. The Downstate Forest Preserve District Act is  
15 amended by adding Section 13.9 as follows:

16 (70 ILCS 805/13.9 new)

17 Sec. 13.9. Web-based signature. A forest preserve district  
18 may allow a person to sign any document with a web-based  
19 signature if the forest preserve district uses a secure  
20 web-based platform. This Section does not apply to a  
21 nominating or candidate petition or a referendum petition.

22 Section 30. The Cook County Forest Preserve District Act  
23 is amended by adding Section 42.5 as follows:

1 (70 ILCS 810/42.5 new)

2 Sec. 42.5. Web-based signature. A forest preserve district  
3 may allow a person to sign any document with a web-based  
4 signature if the forest preserve district uses a secure  
5 web-based platform. This Section does not apply to a  
6 nominating or candidate petition or a referendum petition.

7 Section 35. The Park District Code is amended by changing  
8 Section 8-1 as follows:

9 (70 ILCS 1205/8-1) (from Ch. 105, par. 8-1)

10 Sec. 8-1. General corporate powers. Every park district  
11 shall, from the time of its organization, be a body corporate  
12 and politic by the name set forth in the petition for its  
13 organization, the specific name set forth in this Code, or the  
14 name it may adopt under Section 8-9 and shall have and exercise  
15 the following powers:

16 (a) To adopt a corporate seal and alter the same at  
17 pleasure; to sue and be sued; and to contract in  
18 furtherance of any of its corporate purposes.

19 (b) (1) To acquire by gift, legacy, grant or purchase,  
20 or by condemnation in the manner provided for the exercise  
21 of the power of eminent domain under the Eminent Domain  
22 Act, any and all real estate, or rights therein necessary  
23 for building, laying out, extending, adorning and

1 maintaining any such parks, boulevards and driveways, or  
2 for effecting any of the powers or purposes granted under  
3 this Code as its board may deem proper, whether such lands  
4 be located within or without such district; but no park  
5 district, except as provided in paragraph (2) of this  
6 subsection, shall have any power of condemnation in the  
7 manner provided for the exercise of the power of eminent  
8 domain under the Eminent Domain Act or otherwise as to any  
9 real estate, lands, riparian rights or estate, or other  
10 property situated outside of such district, but shall only  
11 have power to acquire the same by gift, legacy, grant or  
12 purchase, and such district shall have the same control of  
13 and power over lands so acquired without the district as  
14 over parks, boulevards and driveways within such district.

15 (2) In addition to the powers granted in paragraph (1)  
16 of subsection (b), a park district located in more than  
17 one county, the majority of its territory located in a  
18 county over 450,000 in population and none of its  
19 territory located in a county over 1,000,000 in  
20 population, shall have condemnation power in the manner  
21 provided for the exercise of the power of eminent domain  
22 under the Eminent Domain Act or as otherwise granted by  
23 law as to any and all real estate situated up to one mile  
24 outside of such district which is not within the  
25 boundaries of another park district.

26 (c) To acquire by gift, legacy or purchase any

1 personal property necessary for its corporate purposes  
2 provided that all contracts for supplies, materials or  
3 work involving an expenditure in excess of \$30,000, or a  
4 lower amount if required by board policy, shall be let to  
5 the lowest responsible bidder after due advertisement. No  
6 district shall be required to accept a bid that does not  
7 meet the district's established specifications, terms of  
8 delivery, quality, and serviceability requirements.  
9 Contracts which, by their nature, are not adapted to award  
10 by competitive bidding, such as contracts for the services  
11 of individuals possessing a high degree of professional  
12 skill where the ability or fitness of the individual plays  
13 an important part, contracts for the printing of finance  
14 committee reports and departmental reports, contracts for  
15 the printing or engraving of bonds, tax warrants and other  
16 evidences of indebtedness, contracts for utility services  
17 such as water, light, heat, telephone or telegraph,  
18 contracts for fuel (such as diesel, gasoline, oil,  
19 aviation, or propane), lubricants, or other petroleum  
20 products, contracts for the use, purchase, delivery,  
21 movement, or installation of data processing equipment,  
22 software, or services and telecommunications and  
23 interconnect equipment, software, or services, contracts  
24 for duplicating machines and supplies, contracts for goods  
25 or services procured from another governmental agency,  
26 purchases of equipment previously owned by some entity

1 other than the district itself, and contracts for the  
2 purchase of magazines, books, periodicals, pamphlets and  
3 reports are not subject to competitive bidding. Contracts  
4 for emergency expenditures are also exempt from  
5 competitive bidding when the emergency expenditure is  
6 approved by 3/4 of the members of the board.

7 All competitive bids for contracts involving an  
8 expenditure in excess of \$30,000, or a lower amount if  
9 required by board policy, must be sealed by the bidder and  
10 must be opened by a member or employee of the park board at  
11 a public bid opening at which the contents of the bids must  
12 be announced. Each bidder must receive at least 3 days  
13 notice of the time and place of the bid opening.

14 For purposes of this subsection, "due advertisement"  
15 includes, but is not limited to, at least one public  
16 notice at least 10 days before the bid date in a newspaper  
17 published in the district or, if no newspaper is published  
18 in the district, in a newspaper of general circulation in  
19 the area of the district.

20 (d) To pass all necessary ordinances, rules and  
21 regulations for the proper management and conduct of the  
22 business of the board and district and to establish by  
23 ordinance all needful rules and regulations for the  
24 government and protection of parks, boulevards and  
25 driveways and other property under its jurisdiction, and  
26 to effect the objects for which such districts are formed.

1           (e) To prescribe such fines and penalties for the  
2 violation of ordinances as it shall deem proper not  
3 exceeding \$1,000 for any one offense, which fines and  
4 penalties may be recovered by an action in the name of such  
5 district in the circuit court for the county in which such  
6 violation occurred. The park district may also seek in the  
7 action, in addition to or instead of fines and penalties,  
8 an order that the offender be required to make restitution  
9 for damage resulting from violations, and the court shall  
10 grant such relief where appropriate. The procedure in such  
11 actions shall be the same as that provided by law for like  
12 actions for the violation of ordinances in cities  
13 organized under the general laws of this State, and  
14 offenders may be imprisoned for non-payment of fines and  
15 costs in the same manner as in such cities. All fines when  
16 collected shall be paid into the treasury of such  
17 district.

18           (f) To manage and control all officers and property of  
19 such districts and to provide for joint ownership with one  
20 or more cities, villages or incorporated towns of real and  
21 personal property used for park purposes by one or more  
22 park districts. In case of joint ownership, the terms of  
23 the agreement shall be fair, just and equitable to all  
24 parties and shall be set forth in a written agreement  
25 entered into by the corporate authorities of each  
26 participating district, city, village or incorporated

1 town.

2 (g) To secure grants and loans, or either, from the  
3 United States Government, or any agency or agencies  
4 thereof, for financing the acquisition or purchase of any  
5 and all real estate, or rights therein, or for effecting  
6 any of the powers or purposes granted under this Code as  
7 its Board may deem proper.

8 (h) To establish fees for the use of facilities and  
9 recreational programs of the districts and to derive  
10 revenue from non-resident fees from their operations. Fees  
11 charged non-residents of such district need not be the  
12 same as fees charged to residents of the district.  
13 Charging fees or deriving revenue from the facilities and  
14 recreational programs shall not affect the right to assert  
15 or utilize any defense or immunity, common law or  
16 statutory, available to the districts or their employees.

17 (i) To make contracts for a term exceeding one year,  
18 but not to exceed 3 years, notwithstanding any provision  
19 of this Code to the contrary, relating to: (1) the  
20 employment of a park director, superintendent,  
21 administrator, engineer, health officer, land planner,  
22 finance director, attorney, police chief, or other officer  
23 who requires technical training or knowledge; (2) the  
24 employment of outside professional consultants such as  
25 engineers, doctors, land planners, auditors, attorneys, or  
26 other professional consultants who require technical

1 training or knowledge; (3) the provision of data  
2 processing equipment and services; and (4) the purchase of  
3 energy from a utility or an alternative retail electric  
4 supplier. With respect to any contract made under this  
5 subsection (i), the corporate authorities shall include in  
6 the annual appropriation ordinance for each fiscal year an  
7 appropriation of a sum of money sufficient to pay the  
8 amount which, by the terms of the contract, is to become  
9 due and payable during that fiscal year.

10 (j) To enter into licensing or management agreements  
11 with not-for-profit corporations organized under the laws  
12 of this State to operate park district facilities if the  
13 corporation covenants to use the facilities to provide  
14 public park or recreational programs for youth.

15 (k) To allow a person to sign any document with a  
16 web-based signature if the district uses a secure  
17 web-based platform.

18 (Source: P.A. 101-304, eff. 8-9-19; 102-999, eff. 5-27-22.)

19 Section 40. The Chicago Park District Act is amended by  
20 adding Section 7.08 as follows:

21 (70 ILCS 1505/7.08 new)

22 Sec. 7.08. Web-based signature. The Chicago Park District  
23 may allow a person to sign any document with a web-based  
24 signature if the Chicago Park District uses a secure web-based

1 platform. This Section does not apply to a nominating or  
2 candidate petition or a referendum petition.".