

# DECENNIAL COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY



SB 3789 (Sen. Morrison, D-Lake Forest/Rep. Carroll, D-Northbrook), now Public Act 102-1088 ([available via this link](#)), creates the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act.

The Act requires certain (not all) units of local government to establish a committee within one year after the effective date, and at least once every 10 years thereafter, to study local efficiencies and report recommendations to the county board in which the governmental unit is located. The Act applies to units of local government that may levy any tax, except municipalities and counties.

The Act specifically does not apply to municipalities and counties.

However, the Act applies to units of local government whose governing board may include a municipal appointee, as detailed in Table 1, and units of local government whose operations may be of interest to, or may directly impact, municipalities, as detailed in Table 2.

## COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Each committee shall consist of the following members:

- The president or chief elected (or appointed) official, or their designee, of the governing board of the governmental unit, who shall serve as chair of the committee;
- All elected or appointed members of the governing board of the governmental unit;
- At least two residents of the governmental unit appointed by the chair of the board of the governmental unit, with the advice and consent of the board;
- All chief executive officers or other officers of the governmental unit; and,
- Additional members appointed by the chairperson as he or she deems appropriate.

## COMMITTEE DUTIES

The duties of each committee include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Study the governmental unit's governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements and interrelationships with other governmental units and the state;
- Collect data, research and analysis as necessary to prepare a report that summarizes the committee's work, findings and recommendations with respect to increased accountability and efficiency; and,
- Provide a report to the county board in which the governmental unit is located no later than 18 months after the formation of the committee.



Each committee is dissolved upon the submission of its report to the county board until it is reestablished with newly appointed members at least once every ten years.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The committee is required to meet at least three times and may meet during a regularly-scheduled meeting of the governmental unit, so long as certain conditions are met.

Specifically, the governmental unit must give a separate notice pursuant to the Open Meetings Act (OMA), the committee meeting must be listed as part of the agenda for the regularly-scheduled meeting and a majority of the members of the committee must be present.

The committee is considered a public body under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

At the conclusion of each meeting, the committee shall conduct a survey of residents who attended and ask for input on the matters discussed at the meeting.

Municipal officials are encouraged to monitor these committees for actions and reports that may be of direct interest to the municipality.

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**TABLE 1: Units of Local Government Whose Governing Board May Include a Municipal Appointee**

| Type of Government                    | Statutory Reference              |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Airport Authorities                   | <a href="#">70 ILCS 5/</a>       |
| Cemetery Maintenance Districts        | <a href="#">70 ILCS 105/</a>     |
| Civic Centers                         | <a href="#">70 ILCS 200/</a>     |
| Local Libraries                       | <a href="#">75 ILCS 5/</a>       |
| Local Mass Transit Districts          | <a href="#">70 ILCS 3610/</a>    |
| Mosquito Abatement Districts          | <a href="#">70 ILCS 1005/</a>    |
| Municipal Joint Action Water Agencies | <a href="#">5 ILCS 220/3.1</a>   |
| Park Districts                        | <a href="#">70 ILCS 1205/</a>    |
| Port Districts                        | <a href="#">70 ILCS 1845/16</a>  |
| Public Health Districts in Towns      | <a href="#">70 ILCS 905/</a>     |
| Public Water Districts                | <a href="#">70 ILCS 3705/</a>    |
| Rescue Squad Districts                | <a href="#">70 ILCS 2005/</a>    |
| River Conservancy Districts           | <a href="#">70 ILCS 2105/</a>    |
| Special Recreation Districts          | <a href="#">65 ILCS 5/11-95/</a> |
| Water Authorities                     | <a href="#">70 ILCS 3715/</a>    |
| Water Commissions                     | <a href="#">70 ILCS 3720/</a>    |

**TABLE 2: Units of Local Government Whose Operations May Impact Municipalities**

| Type of Government                           | Statutory Reference                      |
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| Drainage Districts                           | <a href="#">70 ILCS 605/</a>             |
| Fire Protection Districts                    | <a href="#">70 ILCS 705/</a>             |
| Forest Preserve Districts                    | <a href="#">70 ILCS 805/</a>             |
| Hospital Districts                           | <a href="#">70 ILCS 910/</a>             |
| Museum Districts                             | <a href="#">70 ILCS 1105/</a>            |
| Public Library Districts                     | <a href="#">75 ILCS 16/</a>              |
| Road Districts and Road and Bridge Districts | <a href="#">605 ILCS 5/6-101 et seq.</a> |
| Sanitary Districts                           | <a href="#">70 ILCS 2405/</a>            |
| Soil and Water Conservation Districts        | <a href="#">70 ILCS 405/</a>             |
| Surface Water Protection Districts           | <a href="#">70 ILCS 3405/</a>            |
| Water Districts                              | <a href="#">70 ILCS 3710/</a>            |
| Water Reclamation Districts                  | <a href="#">70 ILCS 2605/</a>            |

