



Local Government Consolidation - SB 3

Senate Bill 3:

Makes it easier for local voters to abolish outdated units of government.

Senate Bill 3 spreads the success of the DuPage County government consolidation model throughout the state.

Current Law:

Under current law township boards do not have the authority to consolidate, merge or dissolve even if the board determines their services would be delivered more effectively by shifting their duties to another entity.

Key components:

- A township could be dissolved by, or merge with, adjacent townships.
- Allows a township that shares a border with a municipality to be dissolved by a resolution of the township and municipality and approval of a referendum by the voters in the township and municipality.
- County boards could create townships larger than the current limit of 126 square miles, allowing for fewer townships that cover wider areas.
- A township will be able to absorb a township road district with fewer than 15 miles of roads.

Background:

- Illinois has over 1,400 townships and over 7,000 units of local government, more than any other state in the nation
- Tom Cullerton passed Senate Bill 494 in 2013 which created the DuPage County government consolidation model that has been expanded to McHenry and Lake Counties.
- The DuPage County model is projected to save taxpayers more than \$100 million over the next 20 years. The savings will allow for lower property taxes and provide residents with essential services.