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DECENNIAL COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT



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WHY ARE WE REQUIRED TO DO ALL OF THIS?

The Illinois General Assembly passed the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act (P.A. 102-1088), it was signed into law by Gov. Pritzker and became effective in June 2022.

Intended purpose of legislation was to require Illinois special districts to demonstrate in writing how they are able to act with more efficiency and accountability to the public.

WHO MUST COMPLY?

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- All units of local government that may levy any tax must establish a committee to study local efficiencies and report recommendations to the county board
 - Excludes all branches of State government
 - Excludes municipalities and counties (general units of local government)
 - School districts have their own requirements

WHAT ABOUT SUBSIDIARY BODIES?

Boards of Fire Commissioners?



Firefighter Pension Boards?



Foreign Fire Insurance Boards?



Fire District Labor/Finance/Other Committees



DOES NOT APPLY, NO TAX OR LEVY AUTHORITY.

WHO SERVES ON THE COMMITTEE?

- All elected or appointed members of the Board of Trustees
- The Chief Executive Officer/ Fire Chief or other officer of the FPD.
- At least two residents of the fire protection district, who are appointed by the Board President with advice and consent of the Board of Trustees.
- Any additional members that the committee deems appropriate.

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE TO FORM COMMITTEE?

- Must form Committee (EAC) no later than June 10, 2023. (statutory deadline)
- Most FPDs will adopt an ordinance to form board prior to June 10th deadline.





EAC MEMBERS ARE UNPAID
BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR
OUT OF POCKET
EXPENDITURES.



VACANCIES IN THE EAC SHALL BE
FILLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE
ORIGINAL APPOINTMENTS.

EAC COMPENSATION AND VACANCIES

WHEN DOES THE COMMITTEE MEET?

The EAC is required to meet a minimum of three times over the next 18-month period.

More meetings might be required.

The EAC may meet before, during, or after the regular fire district meeting but a separate agenda must be posted for the EAC.

- YES, the Open Meetings Act applies
 - Must follow agenda format and posting requirements
 - Separate agenda must be posted for EAC
 - Minutes must be kept as usual
 - Each EAC meeting must allow for public comment
- The Freedom of Information Act also applies.



DOES THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT APPLY?

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- There are two unique features of this committee.
 - First, the Chairperson of the EAC is chaired by the Board President or his or her designee. The chair may be unilaterally delegated.
 - Second, at the conclusion of each EAC meeting, a survey of all attending residents asking for input on what was discussed
 - May be done in person or via email.

WHAT IS UNIQUE TO THE EAC?

WHAT DOES THE COMMITTEE DO?



- Hold 3 required meetings
- Address areas of efficiency and accountability within the FPD
- Gather information and plan preparation of final report
- Write and file final report with County

WHAT SUBJECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED?

Governing
Statutes

Ordinances

Rules

Procedures

Powers and
Jurisdiction

Shared Services

Intergovernmental
Agreements

Interrelationships
with other units
and the State

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE REPORT?

No guidance on required depth or length of report.

EAC must “summarize its work and findings” in a written report

Must include recommendations to increase efficiency and accountability

May hire specialists in public administration and governmental management to assist with report

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INCLUDE
SERVICES AND
PROGRAMS
YOU PROVIDE

2

INCLUDE LIST
OF ALL IGAs

3

INCLUDE LIST
OF INTERNAL
EFFICIENCIES

4

INCLUDE
COST-SAVING
MEASURES

5

INCLUDE
TRANSPARENCY
AVAILABLE ON
WEBSITE AND
SOCIAL MEDIA

ANY OTHER INCLUSIONS TO REPORT?



Report must be filed with the County Board(s) in which the FPD is located.



DUE DATE:

Eighteen months after the EAC was formed

Ex: If formed 5/15/2023, due 11/15/2024



Report must be made available to the public

WHO RECEIVES
THE REPORT?

After the EAC has filed the report and made it available to the public, the EAC shall be dissolved under the statute.

Note: the dissolution shall last only until June 10, 2033 when this process will restart.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE REPORT IS FILED?

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

