

COUNTIES
(55 ILCS 5/) Counties Code.

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Division 5-14. Regional Planning

(55 ILCS 5/5-14001) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-14001)

Sec. 5-14001. Regional plan. Whenever in the judgment of the county board of any county, a portion or all of said county as a region, should have a plan made for the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a co-ordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of said region, and of public improvements and utilities therein, and which plans will in the judgment of the county board, in accordance with the present and future needs of the region and of the State, best promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, efficiency and economy in the process of development and the general welfare of said region, the county board is hereby empowered by resolution of record to define the boundaries of such region and to create a regional planning commission for the making of a regional plan for such region so defined. The number of members of such commission, their method of appointment, and their power and authority in the making of such plan, shall be such as the county board may deem proper and not in conflict with law. Said Commission shall be a fact finding body and shall make such investigations and gather such statistics as it shall deem necessary for the planning and development of said region, and shall make a plan of said region to include all matter which it may deem necessary for the development of the region as provided above.

(Source: P.A. 86-962.)

(55 ILCS 5/5-14002) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-14002)

Sec. 5-14002. Expenses of commission. The county board is hereby authorized to appropriate to the planning commission from any funds under its control and not otherwise appropriated, such sum as the county board may deem proper for said work as above, and within the amounts so appropriated, the regional planning commission shall have the authority:

- (1) to employ such assistance as it may deem necessary;
- (2) with the concurrence of the county board of any county to accept, receive and expend funds, grants and services from the federal government, or its agencies, and from departments, agencies and instrumentalities of state and local governments;

(3) to contract with respect to any funds, grants or services from whatever source derived;

(4) to provide such information and reports as may be necessary to secure financial aid.

(Source: P.A. 86-962.)

(55 ILCS 5/5-14003) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-14003)

Sec. 5-14003. Joint regional planning commission. If such region is situated in or embraces more than one county, the county boards of said counties are hereby empowered to cooperate in defining the boundaries of said region, and in the creation and organization of one joint regional planning commission for such region so mutually defined. The county boards of the counties which are members of the joint regional planning commission are authorized to appropriate from their funds for the use of the joint regional planning commission, in the amounts as may mutually be agreed upon by said county boards.

The joint regional planning commission is authorized to prepare zoning and building codes, ordinances or resolutions for submission to and adoption by the various member county boards. The joint regional planning commission may employ a staff to assist the member county boards in the administration and enforcement of such zoning and building codes or ordinances throughout the district, and in each member county. (Source: P.A. 86-962.)

(55 ILCS 5/5-14004) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-14004)

Sec. 5-14004. Advisory plan; member expenses. The members of the regional planning commission may be compensated on a per diem basis with a mileage allowance for travel. The county board shall determine the amount of compensation by ordinance, however such compensation shall not exceed the compensation paid to members of the county board for per diem and mileage expenses. Except as hereinafter provided, all plans of the region made by such commission shall be advisory only, unless such plan or portion of it may affect any city, village or incorporated town in which there is a planning commission, and in case such regional plan for such city, village or incorporated town is adopted by the city, village or incorporated town planning commission, such regional plan or such part of which as may be adopted shall have such force and effect as by law may be provided; provided in counties of less than 500,000 inhabitants that, if such plan sets out the centerline location and right-of-way width of planned major streets in unsubdivided land or if such plan sets out the future location of planned major streets in unsubdivided land, the county board, upon adoption of such plan or part thereof by such regional planning commission, may by resolution of record forbid the construction of buildings in the right-of-way of such planned streets.

(Source: P.A. 89-103, eff. 7-7-95.)

(55 ILCS 5/5-14005) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-14005)

Sec. 5-14005. Coordination of plans. The county planning commission or regional planning commissions created under the provisions of this Division shall encourage the cooperation of the political subdivisions within their respective territories in any matters whatsoever which may concern the county or

regional plan or maps prepared by such commission as an aid toward coordination of municipal plans with county and regional plans.

(Source: P.A. 86-962.)

(55 ILCS 5/5-14006) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-14006)

Sec. 5-14006. Official plans of counties of less than 500,000 population. In any county with a population not in excess of 500,000 located in the area served by the Northeastern Illinois Metropolitan Area Planning Commission any planning commission created under the provisions of this Division may prepare and recommend to the county board of such county a comprehensive plan of public improvements looking to the present and future development of the region for the planning of which it was created. The plan or plans when adopted by the county board shall be designated as the official plan, or part thereof, of that county. Such plan or plans may be adopted in whole or in separate geographical or functional parts, each of which, when adopted, shall be the official plan or part thereof, of that county. Thereafter, from time to time, the planning commission may recommend changes in the official plan or any part thereof. To provide for the health, safety, comfort and convenience of the inhabitants of the county, such plans may establish reasonable standards of design for subdivisions and for resubdivisions of unimproved land and areas subject to redevelopment, including reasonable requirements for public streets, alleys, ways for public service facilities, storm or flood water runoff channels and basins, parks, playgrounds, school grounds, and other public grounds.

(Source: P.A. 86-962.)

(55 ILCS 5/5-14007) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-14007)

Sec. 5-14007. Review by Northeastern Illinois Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. Before the county board of any county with a population not in excess of 500,000 located in the area served by the Northeastern Illinois Metropolitan Area Planning Commission adopts any plan as the official plan, or part thereof, as provided in Section 5-14006, it shall submit such plan to the Northeastern Illinois Metropolitan Area Planning Commission for review and recommendations.

(Source: P.A. 86-962.)

(55 ILCS 5/5-14008)

Sec. 5-14008. Powers of commission; real property. The joint regional planning commission may acquire, by purchase, gift, or legacy, and hold real property for the purposes of the joint regional planning commission, and may sell and convey that property. The value of the real property shall be determined by an appraisal performed by an appraiser licensed under the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Act of 2002 and who is certified to appraise the type or types of property to be valued. The appraisal report of the appraiser shall be available for public inspection. The joint regional planning commission may purchase the real property under contracts providing for payment in installments over a period of time of not more than 20 years and may finance the purchase of the real property under finance contracts providing for payment in installments over a period of time of not more than 20 years.

This Section applies only to a joint regional planning commission if it consists of 3 or fewer counties that border the Illinois River, where at least one of those counties has a population of 180,000 or more.

(Source: P.A. 98-196, eff. 8-9-13.)