



# Illinois State Association of Counties

June 4, 2020

The Honorable JB Pritzker  
Governor  
State of Illinois  
207 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Pritzker:

I write to respectfully request that you sign Senate Bill 685 into law.

The bill amends the Property Tax Code to provide that in counties other than Cook (which has home rule powers) the county board may adopt an ordinance or resolution under which some or all of the interest penalty for the delinquent payment of any installment other than the final installment of taxes for the 2019 taxable year that otherwise would be imposed shall be waived for all taxpayers in the county for a period of (1) 120 days after the effective date of the Act or (2) until the first day of the first month during which there is no longer a statewide COVID-19 public health emergency as evidenced by an effective disaster declaration covering all counties in the state.

While the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) believes counties presently have this authority, we are aware that county officials prefer a clarification in the law affirming that counties possess the option to provide this important relief to taxpayers.

The bill also includes provisions allowing chief county assessment officers to approve various property tax exemptions for the 2020 taxable year without application if the property received the exemption for the 2019 taxable year. ISACo supports these provisions as well.

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please feel welcome to contact me at (217) 679-3368 or by email at [jmccoy@isacoil.org](mailto:jmccoy@isacoil.org) whenever I can be of service.

Respectfully,



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Cc: The Honorable David Koehler, State Senator  
The Honorable Michael Zalewski, State Representative  
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