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Drainage Districts

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Background

- Construct, maintain, and repair drains and levees
- Governed by Illinois Drainage Code

Districts in Lake County

- Avon-Fremont
- Beach Park
- East Skokie
- Grubb School
- Seavey
- Slocum
- Squaw Creek
- West Skokie

Consolidation

- Petition by landowners or commission filed in circuit court
- Court hearing
- If court rules in favor of petition, it will order consolidation
- If not signed by majority of landowners then special election required
 - If majority vote in favor then court will order merger
- Consolidated district succeeds all records, property, funds, rights, and duties of merged districts

Dissolution

- Petition by landowners or commission filed in circuit court
- Court hearing
- If court rules in favor of dissolution, it will order dissolved
- Court costs taxed against petitioners or district will pay costs
- Drains and levees maintained by new district or by individuals who benefit from said drains and levees

Update on Senate Bill 90

- Amends Illinois Drainage Code
- Drainage district can be dissolved if county and municipalities within district adopt a resolution
- County files a petition for dissolution with the Circuit Court
- Transfer of powers and property to municipalities and county
- Assessment is still levied and collected by the County until expires or is eliminated
- The bill passed the Senate and is currently in the Rules Committee of the House

QUESTIONS?