

2026 State Mandates Report

New Mandates on Counties Enacted in 2026

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One of the foremost challenges confronting local governments in Illinois is the annual enactment of new requirements uncoupled from the funding necessary to defray the additional costs.

All mandates are not created equal. Some are minor while others are far more substantial. Even so, the annual enactment of unfunded mandates that result from new laws creates a cumulative cost burden on counties and other local governments.

It is probably unrealistic to expect the General Assembly to cease-and-desist in imposing any new mandates on local governments. However, it isn't unreasonable to expect legislators to recognize the financial consequences of these actions with the objective of encouraging them to pause to ask, "what will this cost the local governments in our districts?"

The objective of this report, and future such reports, is to generate awareness about the types of new laws that impose costs on county governments and to remind legislators that someone needs to pay for the mandates imposed. That someone is the local taxpayer. In this respect, voting for state mandates is a hidden tax or service cut, depending on what action a local government must take to offset the added cost.

This report identifies several new laws enacted in 2026 that impose unfunded state mandates on counties. According to the Illinois State Mandates Act (30 ILCS 805), there are five types of mandates:

- Local Government Organization and Structure Mandates
- Due Process Mandates
- Service Mandates
- Tax Exemption Mandates
- Personnel Mandates

In the most general sense, however, a mandate can be defined as something a person or entity is compelled to do without having any real choice in the matter. The new laws listed within this report certainly fit this definition.

The Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) will generally oppose new unfunded state mandates. ISACo recognizes some mandates are intended to achieve an important public policy purpose and some mandates are relatively innocuous with respect to impact. In the case of the former, we ask that the General Assembly either provide county governments with the financial resources to defray the cost or work with counties to resolve the issue without the need to compel a costly solution.

Respectfully,



Joe McCoy
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New State Mandates – Enacted in 2026

Bill	Title	Nature of Mandate	P.A. Number
County Authority			
HB 3725	Local Government Billing Act	Imposes billing limitation	104-0328
HB 4537	Surplus Equity and Tax Deed Reform	Imposes new county procedures	104-0553
SB 3111	Counties CD-County Library	Imposes new operational requirement	104-0844
County Offices and Officials			
SB 2102	Prop Tx-Budget Filing	Imposes new county clerk requirement	104-0623
Courts			
HB 3393	Crim Pro--Speedy Trial Toll	Imposes new court procedure	104-0760
HB 4091	Juvenile Court-Subsequent Firearm Offense	Imposes new requirement	104-0766
HB 4428	Court Reminder Notices	Imposes new notification and recordkeeping requirements	104-0551
HB 5310	Juvenile Court-Transfer-Venue	Imposes court and clerk timetable	104-0699
Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement and Public Safety			
HB 4394	Sexual Assault Victim Interview	Imposes new requirement	104-0604
SB 1700	Deputy Sheriff-Appointment Age	Imposes new personnel requirements	104-0578
SB 2771	Suicide Prevention Information	Imposes new facility and release-planning requirements	104-0808

SB 2891	Animal Shelter Adoption Information	Imposes new reporting and recordkeeping requirements	104-0643
SB 2892	Humane Care-Animals-Penalties	Imposes court hearing timetable	104-0644
SB 3798	Mental Health 9-1-1 Calls	Imposes new operational and reporting requirements	104-0828
Economic and Workforce Development			
HB 5187	SW IL Metro/Region Planning	Imposes local government organizational requirement	104-0791
Environment			
HB 1700	Funds-Community Reinvestment	Restriction on local authority	104-0477
SB 3917	EPA-Waste Discharge Permit	Imposes new regulatory requirements	104-0747
SB 4025	EPA-Lead Service Line Replace	Imposes new requirements on applicable county water systems	104-0572
FOIA, OMA and Public Notices			
HB 2137	Local Government Financial Transparency Website Requirements	Imposes new posting requirement	104-0582
Labor, Personnel and Pensions			
HB 4491	Public Employee Disability	Cost associated with enhanced employee benefits	104-0611
HB 4909	IMRF Employee	Imposes new pension obligation	104-0779
HB 5001	Ins-Mammogram Coverage	Cost associated with increased coverage	104-0783
HB 5492	Prescription Hormone Therapy	Cost associated with increased coverage	104-0537

SB 2762	Ins-Seizure Detection Device	Cost associated with increased coverage	104-0710
SB 2770	Loc First Responder Insurance	Cost associated with increased coverage	104-0630
SB 2802	Pension Code-IMRF-Death Benefit	Cost associated with enhanced employee benefits	104-0810
SB 2899	Insurance Code-Stuttering Coverage	Cost associated with increased coverage	104-0528
SB 2921	Insurance-Eye Medication Coverage	Cost associated with increased coverage	104-0649
SB 3076	Public Employee Disability	Cost associated with enhanced employee benefits	104-0815
SB 3295	Ins-Durable Medical Equipment	Cost associated with increased coverage	104-0531
SB 3465	Construction-Sanitary Reqs	Imposes new employee requirements	104-0850
Miscellaneous			
HB 3564	Human Rights Act-Real Estate	Restriction on local authority	104-0479
HB 4379	Adult Changing Stations	Imposes new facility requirement	104-0771
HB 4695	Crematory-Cemetery Regulation	Imposes new requirement	104-0501
SB 2891	Animal Shelter Adoption Info	Imposes new requirements	104-0643
Public Health, Hospital Facilities and Nursing Homes			
HB 4868	Nursing Home-Incident Report	Imposes new reporting requirement	104-0778
HB 4977	Epidemiological Pathogens	Imposes new requirements	104-0508
HB 5390	Patient Bill and Outsourced Care	Imposes new requirement	104-0521

SB 2774	Sanitary Food Preparation	Imposes new regulatory requirements	104-0632
SB 3487	Hospital Licensing-Vaccination	Imposes new requirement	104-0729
Transportation and Infrastructure			
HB 5081	Veh Cd-Alter Speed Limits	Imposes new signage requirement	104-0787