



Illinois State Association of Counties

POSITION STATEMENT

January 1, 2023

COUNTY APPOINTMENTS TO RESTORE, REINVEST AND RENEW BOARD

SUPPORT

The 2019 cannabis legalization law (P.A. 101-0027) makes funding available to invest in social equity, economic opportunity and violence prevention at the community level.

Current Law:

P.A. 101-0027 established a Restore, Reinvest and Renew (R3) Program to address disparities in social equity, economic disinvestment, violence, poverty and health. The R3 Program is overseen by a Board whose purpose is to encourage and coordinate collaborative partnerships within each R3 Area.

The Board's composition is intended to reflect the diversity of the State of Illinois, including geographic, racial and ethnic diversity. The Board is responsible for designating the R3 Area boundaries and for the selection and oversight of R3 Area grantees.

Eight municipal officials are represented on the Board. Each are appointed by the R3 Board Chair. The law does not include authorization for the Chair to appoint county officials.

Proposed Change:

The General Assembly and Governor should amend the cannabis legalization law to allow for county officials to be appointed to the R3 Board. Providing counties with representation will better serve the state's residents who live in unincorporated areas.

**IMPROVE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY ON R3 BOARDS BY PROVIDING
COUNTIES WITH REPRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF ILLINOIS RESIDENTS LIVING IN
UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE STATE.**