



# Illinois State Association of Counties

## POSITION STATEMENT

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### CONTRACTING FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

**SUPPORT**

Long-term contracts for garbage collection and disposal enable counties to implement efficient and cost-effective waste management strategies. By collaborating with both public and private sectors, counties can enhance waste management systems by promoting economic, environmental and social benefits for their communities.

#### **Current Law:**

Under existing law, counties are allowed to manage garbage collection and disposal in unincorporated areas. The Counties Code authorizes counties to contract with corporations for the collection and/or final disposition of garbage with terms not less than one year but not more than 30 years (55 ILCS 5/5-1048). The Counties Code does not have explicit language referencing contracts with waste management and collection companies, leading to a perceived lack of clarity.

#### **Proposed Changes:**

This proposed legislation would further clarify existing law to authorize counties to enter long-term contracts with waste management and collection companies for garbage collection and disposal, with terms exceeding one year but not more than 30 years.

**RESTATE EXISTING LAW TO CLARIFY THAT COUNTIES MAY ENTER INTO  
CONTRACTS WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT AND COLLECTION COMPANIES FOR  
WASTE HAULING SERVICES.**