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HOW TO USE TEXT OF LAWS RELATING TO ILLINOIS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS AND STATE FIRE MARSHAL

The **Text of Laws Relating to Illinois Fire Protection Districts and State Fire Marshal** is a compilation of those state laws which most directly apply to Illinois Fire Protection Districts, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, Illinois Fire Service Institute, and the Illinois Fire Service in general. It is intended to bring together in one convenient pamphlet most of the laws which those persons involved with fire protection districts and the fire service will need on a routine basis. The **Text** is not, however, wholly inclusive, and a listing of other state and federal laws and regulations which also apply to fire protection districts and the fire service is set out on pages xiii through xv of the **Text** following the Table of Contents as an aid to users of the **Text**. This list of **Related Statutes and Regulations** gives the citation to the statute or regulation so that readers may locate them for further reference.

The **Text of Laws** follows the organization of the “Illinois Compiled Statutes” system (abbreviated “ILCS”). Under the ILCS system, Illinois laws are organized into nine major unnumbered topic headings and 68 **chapters**. Chapters, in turn, are broken down into **acts**. The **Text of Laws** contains those acts which are most frequently referenced by fire protection districts and the fire service.

A reference to a law under the ILCS system is by **chapter, act, and section number**. Thus, a reference to the first section in the Illinois Fire Protection District Act would be: 70 ILCS 705/0.01. In this reference 70 is the **chapter** number, 705 is the **act** number, and 0.01 is the **section** number. The benefit of this system is that it allows a short and precise reference to each particular law and the specific section within the act.

This edition of the **Text of Laws** follows the ILCS numerical sequence beginning with Chapter 5, General Provisions and continuing to Chapter 820, Employment. The entire content of the **Text of Laws** is set out in the Table of Contents beginning on page v. Users should take time to review the Table of Contents in order to familiarize themselves with the content and organization of the pamphlet.

Many readers will undoubtedly desire to refer most often to the Illinois Fire Protection District Act, which is the state law dealing with the organization and operation of the fire protection districts. This act is contained in **Act 705** in the excerpt from **Chapter 70**, “Special Districts”, and begins on page 532 of the **Text**.

Readers seeking information about the Office of the State Fire Marshal and fire safety will most likely refer to Chapters 20 (page 187), 225 (page 675), 425 (page 721), and 430 (page 765).

Statutes most directly relating to the Illinois Fire Service Institute are in Chapters 110 (page 615) and 50 (Act 740/page 389).

This edition of the **Text of Laws** includes an index to assist readers in locating topics covered by the various acts in the pamphlet and annotations of summaries of court decisions and Attorney General Opinions construing the statutory provisions included in the **Text of Laws**. Both of these features will assist the user in better utilizing the **Text of Laws**.

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