

## **COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION**

### **1:10 Cooperative Legal Status**

The Illinois Constitution requires the State to provide for an efficient system of high-quality public educational institutions and services in order to achieve the educational development of all persons to the limits of their capabilities.

The General Assembly has implemented this constitutional mandate through the creation of joint agreements of various types for the purpose of providing special education services to children with disabilities. Tazewell-Mason Counties Special Education Association, hereinafter referred to as the Cooperative, is governed by such mandates.

Special education programs and/or services shall be developed in accordance with the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Article 14 of the School Code, and their respective implementing procedures.

Consistent with 105 ILCS 5/10-22.31, the East Peoria CHSD 309 School Board shall serve as the administrative and legal entity for the Cooperative.

The School Board constitutes a body corporate that possesses all the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes, and in that name may sue and be sued, purchase, hold and sell personal property and real estate, and enter into such obligations as are authorized by law.

LEGAL REF.:Ill. Constitution, Art. X, Sec. 1.

105 ILCS 5/10-1 et seq.

23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 226.

CROSS REF.:2:10 (Cooperative Governance)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVAL:August 12, 2015

POLICY BOARD APPROVAL:September 3, 2015

**Tazewell-Mason Counties Special Ed Association**

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