

On September 24, 1966, voters in 13 school districts voted by more than a 3 to 1 ratio to form a community college district in East Central Illinois. Residents voted 9,560 to 2,946 in favor of the proposal. The original 13 school districts were: Casey, Charleston, Cowden/Herrick, Cumberland, Kansas, Mattoon, Neoga, Oakland, Shelbyville, Stewardson-Strasburg, Tower Hill, Westfield and Windsor.

Other districts were annexed into the college district throughout the years. They are: Martinsville in May, 1967, Beecher City, Effingham and Teutopolis in June, 1967, Grove Elementary District (northern Newton area) in June, 1968, Sullivan in July, 1969, Dieterich in July, 1972, Altamont and Farina-LaGrove in July 1973, Bethany, Brownstown, Findlay, Marshall, North Clay County, Paris Crestwood, Ramsey and Shiloh (Hume/Brocton/Redmon) in July 1974, Arthur, Lovington, and Pana joined in August, 1974 and Paris Union 95 joined in July, 1990. The residents in the very northeast corner of the Vandalia district petitioned into Lake Land from Kaskaskia in July, 1974.

A ten year history written in 1977 states, "The successful effort to encourage annexation can be attributed to many factors, but prime among these were the reputation of the College, the concern of the faculty, interest shown by the counselors to students, the first impression of visitors to campus and the financial responsibility of the Board of Trustees which has resulted in comparatively low tax and tuition rates."

The College district consists of 4,000 square miles with an approximate population of 190,000. The nearly 308-acre campus hosts nine major buildings plus seven supportive buildings, two campus ponds, a 152-acre agriculture land laboratory, and a 30,000 volume Virgil H. Judge Learning Resource Center. More than 20 off campus sites through the district offer classes.

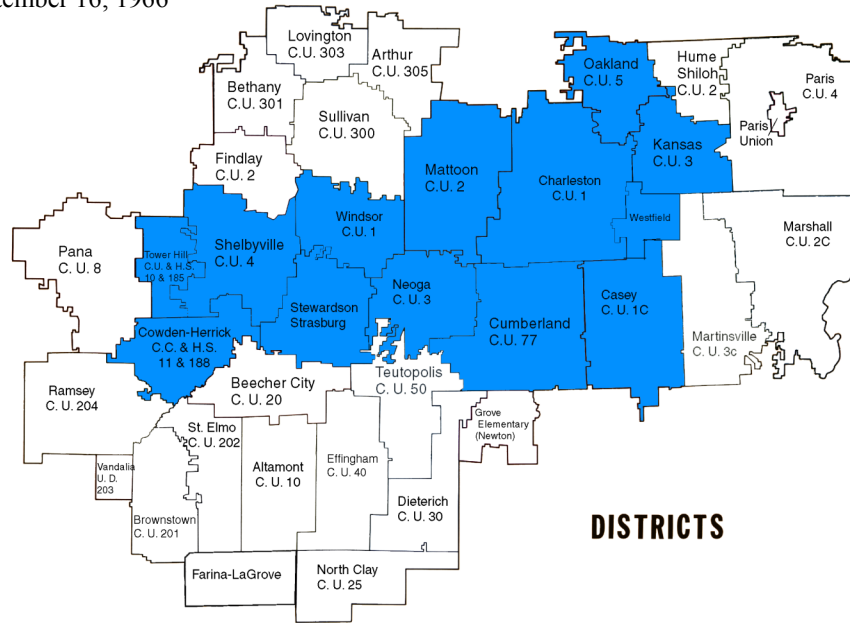
The first Board of Trustees established a tax rate of 10 cents for the Education Fund and 2.5 cents for the Building Operations and Maintenance Fund.

When all areas of the state were forced into community college districts by state law, legislation had been enacted which established 23.5 cents as the combined minimum tax rate for Education and Building Operations and Maintenance.

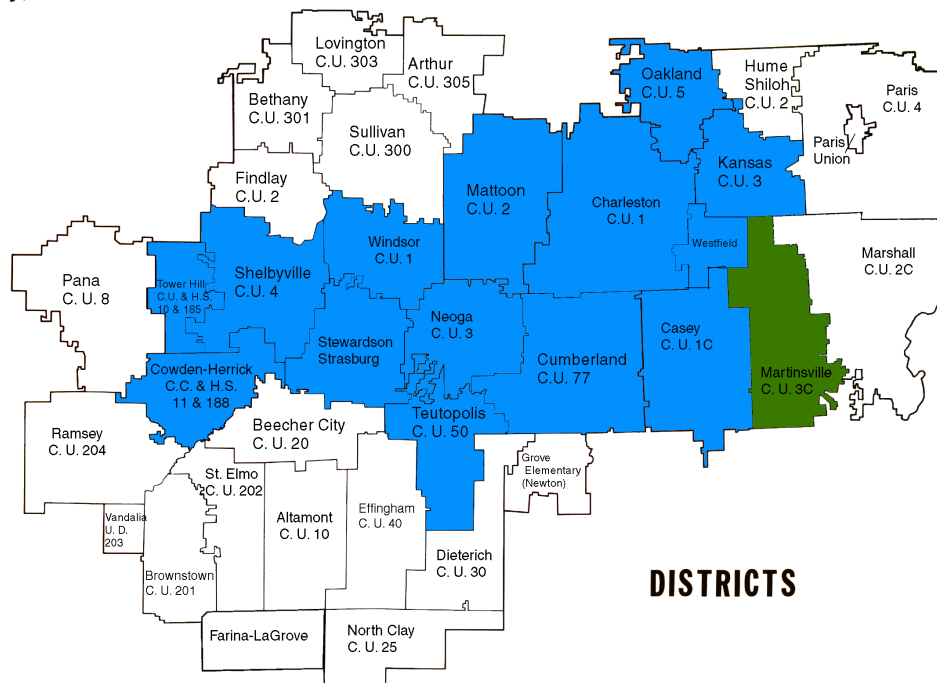
Lake Land still has the original rate of 2.5 cents per one hundred dollars assessed valuation for Building Operations and Maintenance. The Education Fund rate was raised to 15.5 cents in 1979.

Lake Land College District

Original 13 Districts
September 16, 1966

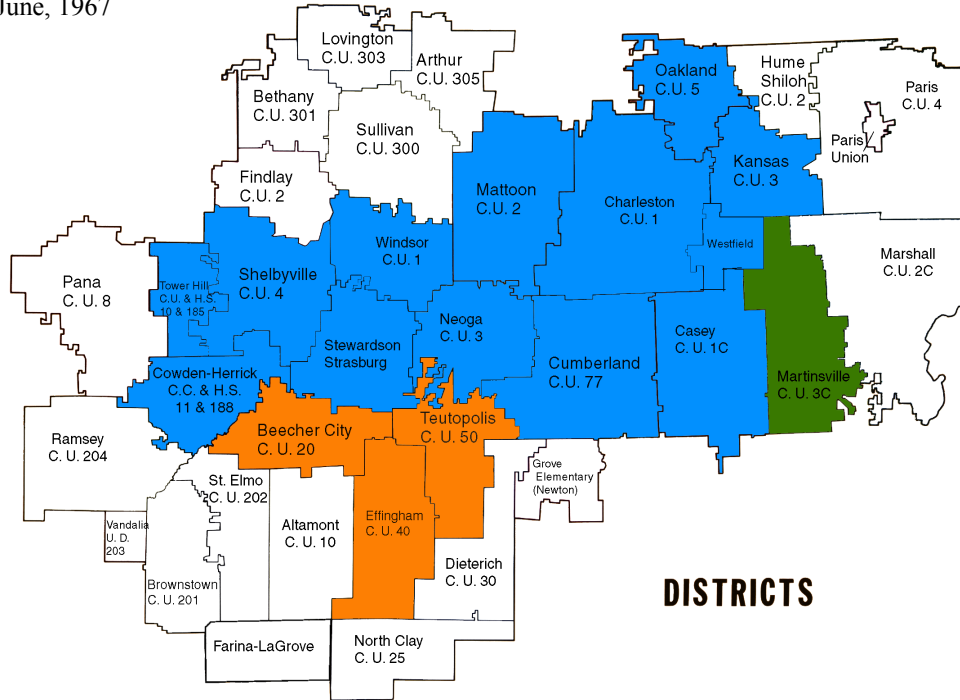


May, 1967

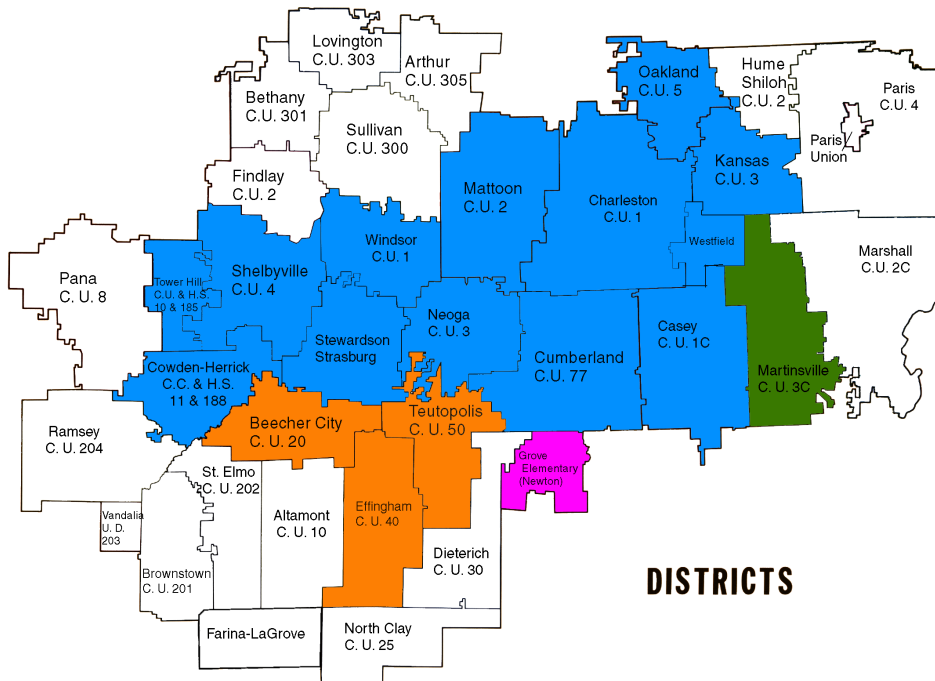


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June, 1967

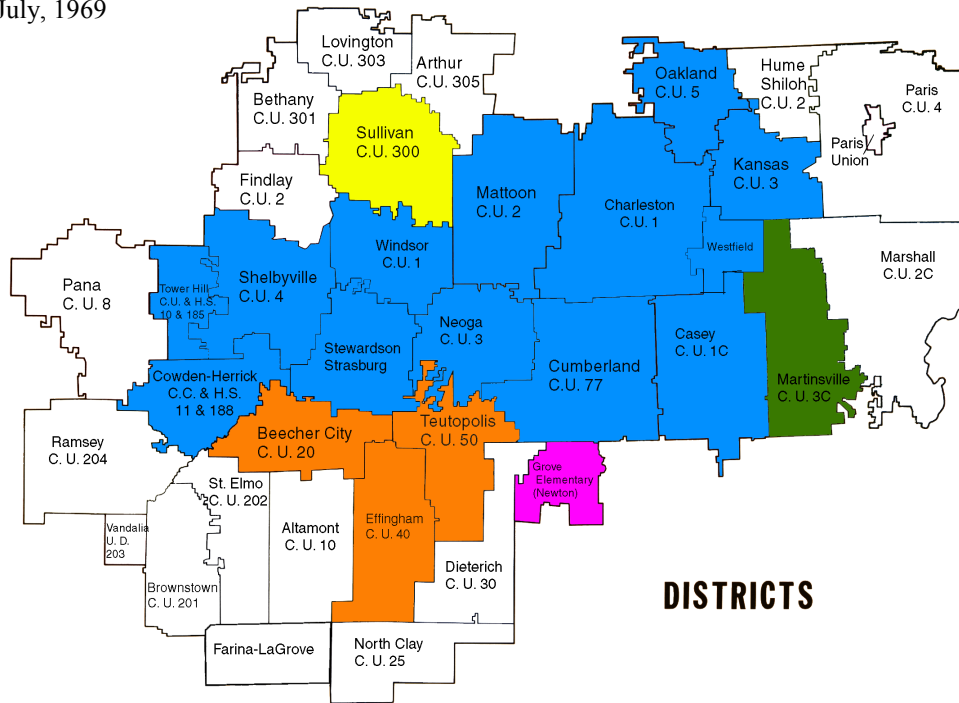


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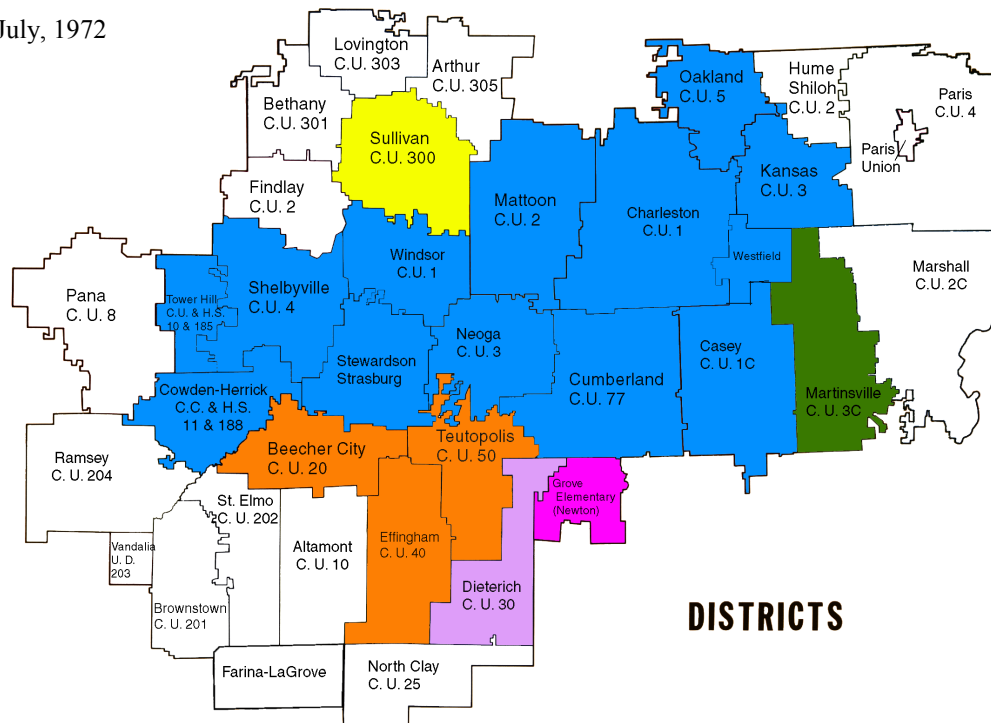
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July, 1969



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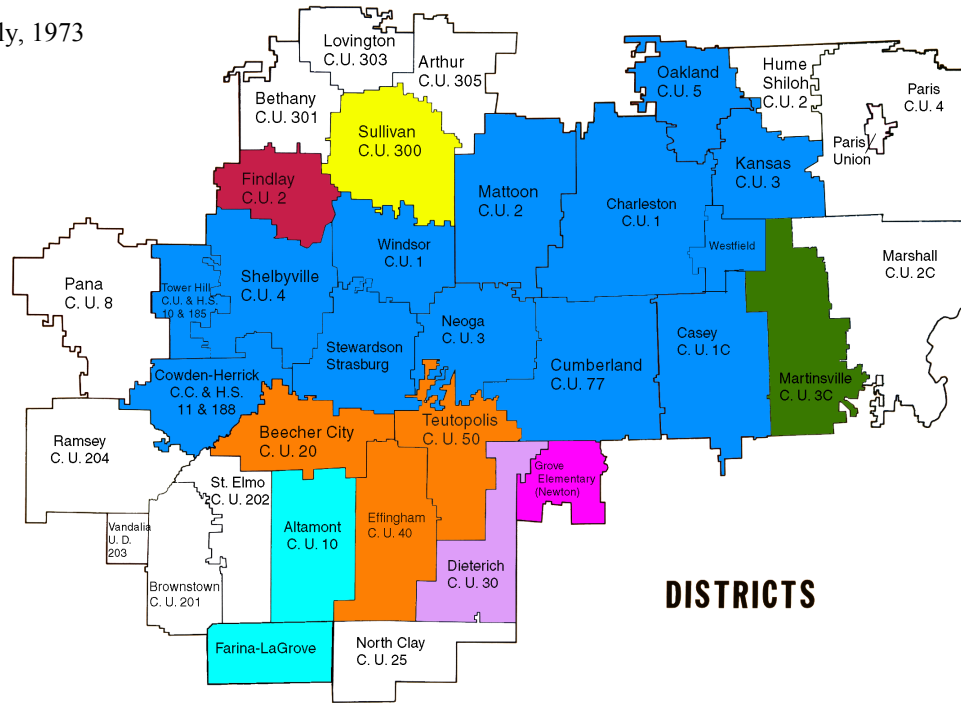
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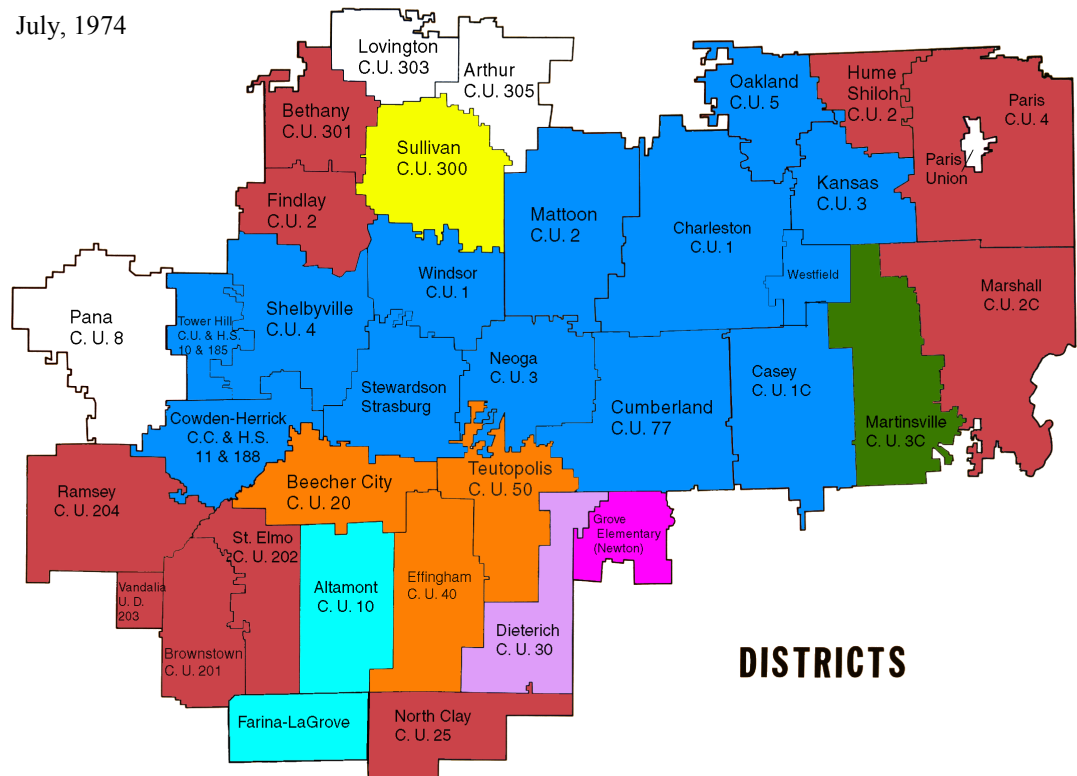
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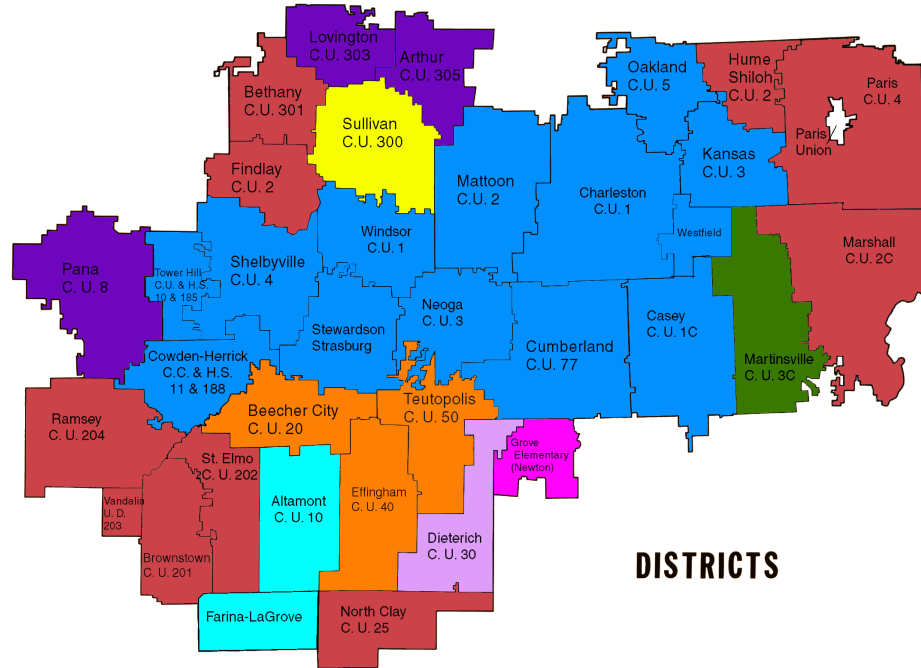
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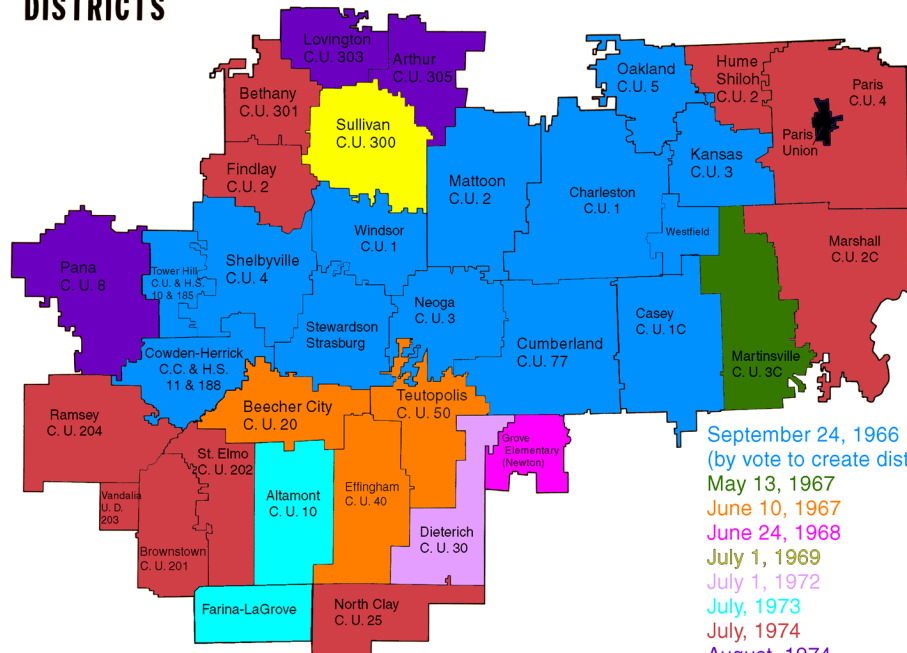
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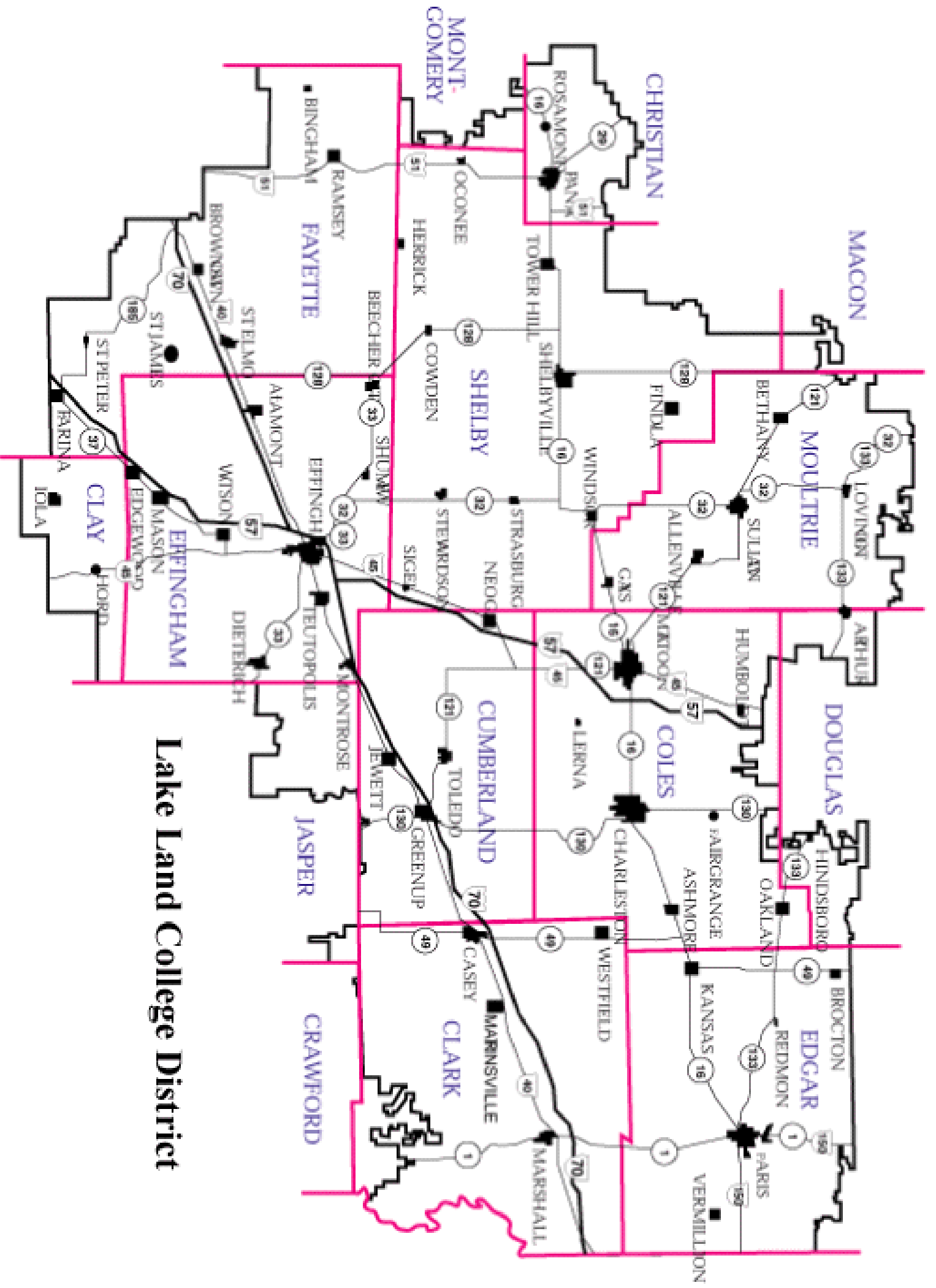
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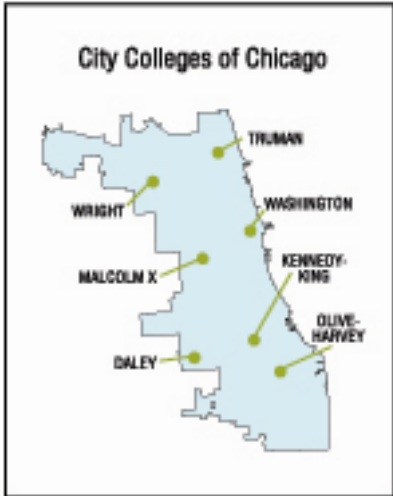
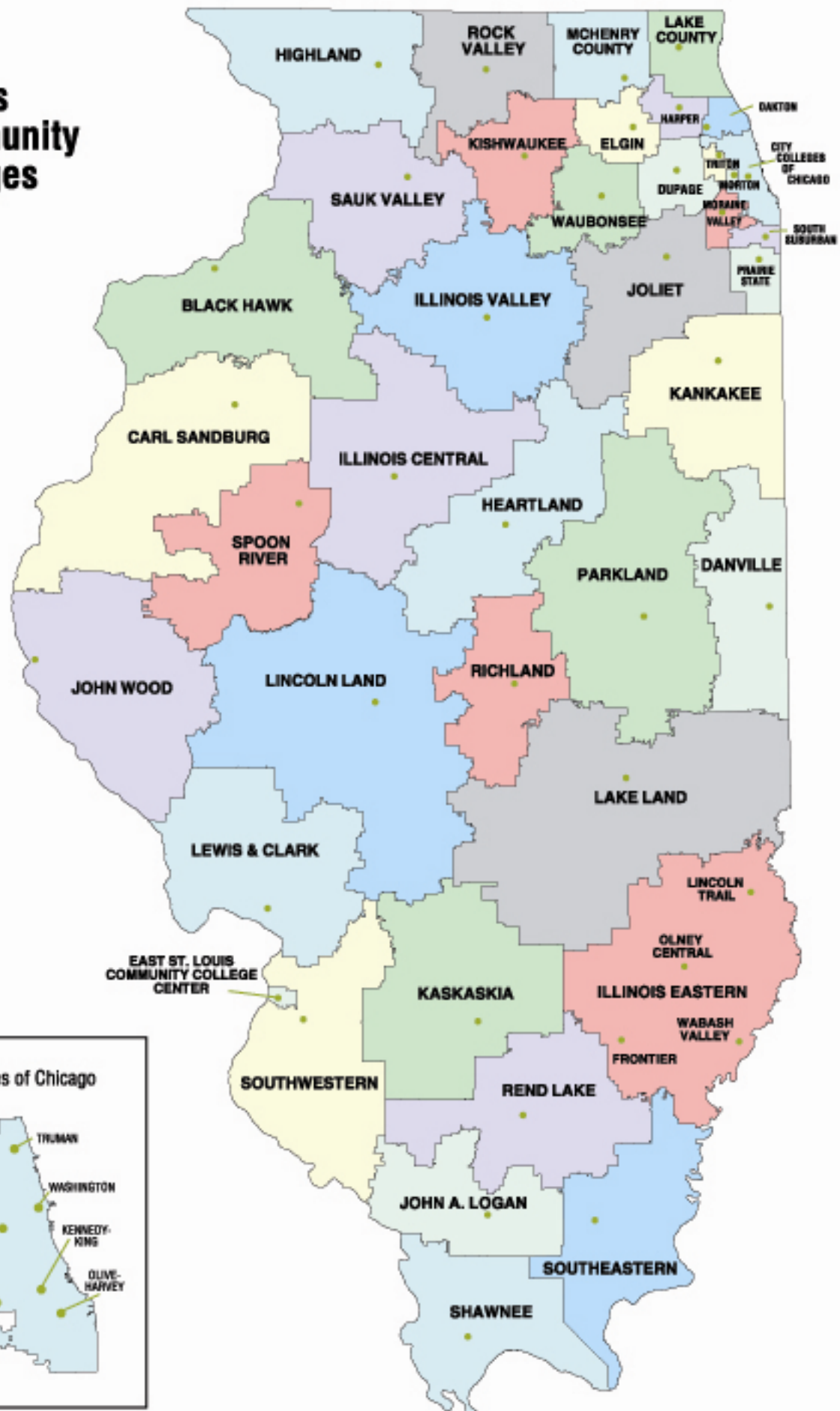


- September 24, 1966 (by vote to create district)
- May 13, 1967
- June 10, 1967
- June 24, 1968
- July 1, 1969
- July 1, 1972
- July, 1973
- July, 1974
- August, 1974
- July, 1990



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Illinois Community College Districts

- Non-Metropolitan Counties (n=74)
- Metropolitan Counties (n=28)
- District Boundaries
- County Boundaries

