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ILLINOIS LAW MANUAL

CHAPTER XVI

COMMON CARRIERS

D. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ACTING AS COMMON CARRIERS

The statute of limitations for filing personal injury suits against common carriers is two years from the date on which the cause of action accrues. 735 ILCS 5/13-202. When the common carrier is the Chicago Transit Authority or Pace, however, the statute of limitations is one year from the date on which the cause of action accrues. 70 ILCS 3605/41; 70 ILCS 3615/5.03. Illinois statutes further provide for notice periods in which certain entities, such as the Chicago Transit Authority, must receive notice of a claim. 70 ILCS 3605/41. The failure to comply with the notice and limitations periods can be fatal to any claim.