



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State of Illinois
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HB4286

Introduced 1/30/2004, by Michael K. Smith

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 3967/15

Amends the Illinois River Watershed Restoration Act. Provides that the Illinois River Coordinating Council is empowered to receive and make grants and distribute moneys awarded from litigation, fines, or settlements.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning rivers.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois River Watershed Restoration Act is
5 amended by changing Section 15 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3967/15)

7 Sec. 15. Illinois River Coordinating Council.

8 (a) There is established the Illinois River Coordinating
9 Council, consisting of 13 voting members to be appointed by the
10 Governor. One member shall be the Lieutenant Governor who shall
11 serve as a voting member and as chairperson of the Council. The
12 Agency members of the Council shall include the Director, or
13 his or her designee, of each of the following agencies: the
14 Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce and
15 Economic Opportunity ~~Community Affairs~~, the Illinois
16 Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Natural
17 Resources, and the Department of Transportation. In addition,
18 the Council shall include one member representing Soil and
19 Water Conservation Districts located within the Watershed of
20 the Illinois River and its tributaries and 6 members
21 representing local communities, not-for-profit organizations
22 working to protect the Illinois River Watershed, business,
23 agriculture, recreation, conservation, and the environment.
24 The Governor may, at his or her discretion, appoint individuals
25 representing federal agencies to serve as ex officio,
26 non-voting members.

27 (b) Members of the Council shall serve 2-year terms, except
28 that of the initial appointments, 5 members shall be appointed
29 to serve 3-year terms and 4 members to serve one-year terms.

30 (c) The Council shall meet at least quarterly.

31 (d) The Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall be
32 responsible for the operations of the Council. The Office may

1 reimburse members of the Council for ordinary and contingent
2 expenses incurred in the performance of Council duties.

3 (e) This Section is subject to the provisions of Section
4 405-500 of the Department of Central Management Services Law
5 (20 ILCS 405/405-500).

6 (f) The Illinois River Coordinating Council is empowered to
7 receive and make grants and distribute moneys awarded from
8 litigation, fines, or settlements.

9 (Source: P.A. 90-120, eff. 7-16-97; 90-609, eff. 6-30-98;
10 91-239, eff. 1-1-00; revised 12-6-03.)