

1 AN ACT concerning historic preservation.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Historic Preservation Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 20 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3410/20 new)

7 Sec. 20. Historic Preservation Advisory Council.

8 (a) In order to enhance public participation and  
9 involvement in the preservation and protection of the State's  
10 historic and archaeological sites and properties, there is  
11 created within the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency the  
12 Historic Preservation Advisory Council.

13 The Council shall consist of 12 members who represent  
14 different areas of the State and who are appointed by the  
15 Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The  
16 Council members must be qualified as follows:

17 (1) At least 5 members shall have practical  
18 experience in the preservation of historic or  
19 archaeological sites and properties as demonstrated in  
20 one or more of the following fields: architecture,  
21 architectural history, historic preservation, history,  
22 archaeology, or a local historic preservation board,  
23 commission, or nonprofit organization. No employee or  
24 contractual employee of the Illinois Historic  
25 Preservation Agency may serve on the Council.

26 (2) Each of at least 5 members shall be the  
27 president, chief elected officer, or other duly  
28 authorized representative of a statewide commercial or  
29 residential developers association, statewide realtors  
30 association, or economic development organization.

31 (3) The remaining 2 members shall be at-large

1 members.

2 (b) Members shall be appointed for 4-year terms, except  
3 for an appointment to fill an unexpired term, in which event  
4 the appointment shall be for the remainder of the unexpired  
5 term only. No person shall serve more than 2 consecutive  
6 terms on the Council.

7 (c) Members shall elect a chairperson annually. No  
8 member shall be elected to consecutive terms as chairperson.

9 (d) The Council shall meet at least quarterly throughout  
10 the State fiscal year. However, the chairperson, a majority  
11 of the members, or the Agency may convene the Council.  
12 Members shall serve without pay, but shall be entitled to  
13 reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of  
14 their duties. All members of the Council shall be legal  
15 residents of the State.

16 (e) All action taken by the Council shall be by majority  
17 vote of those present. The Director of the Agency or the  
18 Director's designee shall serve without voting rights as  
19 secretary to the Council. The Agency shall provide necessary  
20 staff assistance to the Council.

21 (f) It shall be the responsibility of the Council to  
22 provide assistance, advice, and recommendations to the Agency  
23 in:

24 (1) Establishing priorities for the identification,  
25 acquisition, protection, and preservation of historic and  
26 archaeological sites and properties.

27 (2) Establishing criteria for use in assessing the  
28 significance of historic and archaeological sites and  
29 properties.

30 (3) Evaluating proposals for awards of historic  
31 preservation grants administered by the Agency. The  
32 Council shall review and evaluate all proposals for  
33 grants and shall make recommendations, including a  
34 priority ranking, reflecting such evaluation. In making

1 such evaluation and recommendations, the Council shall,  
2 at a minimum, consider the purpose, economic and other  
3 public benefit, location, compatibility with statewide  
4 historic preservation priorities, and cost of each  
5 proposal for grant assistance.

6 (4) Preparing rules relating to the historic  
7 preservation programs administered by the Agency.

8 (g) It shall be the additional responsibility of the  
9 Council to provide such other assistance and advice to the  
10 Agency as may be required from time to time in matters  
11 pertaining to the protection and preservation of the State's  
12 historic and archaeological sites and properties.