

1 AN ACT concerning agriculture.

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

4 Section 5. The Agricultural Areas Conservation and  
5 Protection Act is amended by changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (505 ILCS 5/5) (from Ch. 5, par. 1005)

7 Sec. 5. Agricultural Areas; Creation. Any owner or  
8 owners of land may submit a proposal to the county board for  
9 the creation of an agricultural area within such county. An  
10 agricultural area, at the creation of any such area, shall  
11 not be less than 350 acres in all counties with a population  
12 under 600,000 and not less than 100 acres in all counties  
13 with a population of 600,000 or more. Such proposal shall  
14 include a description of the proposed area, including the  
15 boundaries thereof. Such territory shall be as compact and  
16 nearly contiguous as feasible. An area created under this Act  
17 shall be established for a period of ten years. No land  
18 shall be included in an agricultural area without the consent  
19 of the owner. No land within an agricultural area shall be  
20 used for other than agricultural production as described in  
21 Sections 3.01 and 3.02 of this Act. Agreements for the  
22 extraction of mineral resources duly agreed upon prior to the  
23 creation of an agricultural area shall be exempted from the  
24 use provisions of this Section. In addition, the extraction  
25 of mineral resources conducted pursuant to The Surface Coal  
26 Mining Land Conservation and Reclamation Act shall be  
27 considered temporary land use and shall be exempted from the  
28 use provisions of this Section.

29 (Source: P.A. 84-456.)

30 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.