

1 AN ACT concerning ethanol.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Illinois Ethanol Board Act.

6 Section 5. Definition. As used in this Act, "Board" means
7 the Illinois Ethanol Board established by this Act.

8 Section 10. Creation of Ethanol Board; membership;
9 meetings; expenses.

10 (a) The Illinois Ethanol Board is created.

11 (b) The Board consists of 11 members as follows:

12 (1) Seven persons, 4 of whom are involved in farming,
13 who are voting members appointed by the Governor, with the
14 advice and consent of the Senate. The initial members
15 appointed by the Governor shall serve terms, as designated
16 by the Governor, as follows: 2 for one year, 2 for 2 years,
17 2 for 3 years, and one for 4 years from the effective date
18 of this Act. Subsequent terms shall be 4 years.

19 (2) The Directors, or their designee, of the Department
20 of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Department of
21 Agriculture, and the Illinois Environmental Protection
22 Agency. These members shall serve as ex officio non-voting
23 members.

24 (3) The president, or his or her designee, of one of
25 the State universities of Illinois, the particular
26 university to be selected by the Governor. This member
27 shall serve as an ex officio non-voting member.

28 (c) A member shall serve until his or her successor is
29 appointed and qualified. A vacancy in membership exists upon a
30 member's death, disability, resignation, removal for cause, or
31 failure to hold the office designated in item (2) or (3) of

1 subsection (b), but does not arise upon the expiration of a
2 voting member's term. A vacancy in the office of a voting
3 member shall be filled by appointment of the Governor, with the
4 advice and consent of the Senate, for the remainder of the
5 term.

6 (d) The Board shall meet at least annually. Members shall
7 receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for their
8 actual and necessary expenses from funds appropriated and
9 available for that purpose.

10 (e) The voting members of the Board shall annually select a
11 chair from among the Board members.

12 Section 15. Administrator.

13 (a) The Board shall employ and determine the duties of a
14 full-time administrator.

15 (b) The administrator shall compile an annual report on the
16 Board's activities during the preceding 12 months and submit
17 the report to the Board, the Governor's Office, the Secretary
18 of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

19 Section 20. Board powers.

20 (a) The Board may rent office space and employ personnel as
21 necessary for the performance of its powers and duties.

22 (b) The Board may employ the services of experts and
23 consultants and expend funds as necessary for the performance
24 of its powers and duties, including but not limited to, funds
25 for the acquisition of commodities.

26 (c) The Board may accept gifts, grants, donations, money,
27 and services.

28 Section 25. Board duties. The Board shall:

29 (1) Promote the development and use of ethanol through
30 programs such as, but not limited to, grants and other
31 financial assistance.

32 (2) Promote the implementation of air quality
33 improvement programs.

1 (3) Perform such other duties as may be required by
2 law.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.