



Rep. Charles E. Jefferson

**Filed: 5/3/2006**

09400SB1892ham002

LRB094 11429 BDD 58806 a

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1892

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1892 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. If and only if Senate Bill 17 of the 94th  
5 General Assembly becomes law, the River Edge Redevelopment Zone  
6 Act is amended by changing Sections 10-2, 10-4, and 10-5.3 as  
7 follows:

8 (94SB17 Art. 10, Sec. 10-2)

9 Sec. 10-2. Findings. The General Assembly finds and  
10 declares that those municipalities adjacent to or surrounding  
11 river areas often lack critical tools to safely revive and  
12 redevelop environmentally-challenged properties that will  
13 stimulate economic revitalization and create jobs in Illinois.  
14 Environmentally-challenged properties adjacent to or  
15 surrounding Illinois rivers are a threat to the health, safety,  
16 and welfare of the people of this State. Many of these  
17 environmentally-challenged properties adjacent to or  
18 surrounding rivers were former industrial areas that now,  
19 subject to appropriate environmental clean-up and remediation,  
20 would be ideal for office, residential, retail, hospitality,  
21 commercial, recreational, warehouse and distribution, and  
22 other economically productive uses. The cost of the cleaning  
23 and remediation of these environmentally-challenged properties  
24 is often the primary obstacle to returning these properties to

1 a safe and economically productive use.

2 Cooperative and continuous partnership among the State,  
3 through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and  
4 the Environmental Protection Agency, municipalities adjacent  
5 to or surrounding rivers, and the private sector is necessary  
6 to appropriately encourage the cost-effective cleaning and  
7 remediation of these environmentally-challenged properties in  
8 order to bring about a safe and economically productive use of  
9 the properties.

10 Therefore, it is declared to be the purpose of this Act to  
11 identify and initiate 3 ~~2~~ pilot River Edge Redevelopment Zones  
12 to stimulate the safe and cost-effective re-use of  
13 environmentally-challenged properties adjacent to or  
14 surrounding rivers by means of tax incentives or grants.

15 (Source: 94SB17ham003.)

16 (94SB17 Art. 10, Sec. 10-4)

17 Sec. 10-4. Qualifications for River Edge Redevelopment  
18 Zones. An area is qualified to become a zone if it:

19 (1) is a contiguous area adjacent to or surrounding a  
20 river;

21 (2) comprises a minimum of one half square mile and not  
22 more than 12 square miles, exclusive of lakes and  
23 waterways;

24 (3) satisfies any additional criteria established by  
25 the Department consistent with the purposes of this Act;

26 (4) is entirely within a single ~~home-rule~~ municipality;  
27 and

28 (5) has at least 100 acres of environmentally  
29 challenged land within 1500 yards of the riverfront.

30 (Source: 94SB17ham003.)

31 (94SB17 Art. 10, Sec. 10-5.3)

32 Sec. 10-5.3. Certification of River Edge Redevelopment

1 Zones.

2 (a) Approval of designated River Edge Redevelopment Zones  
3 shall be made by the Department by certification of the  
4 designating ordinance. The Department shall promptly issue a  
5 certificate for each zone upon its approval. The certificate  
6 shall be signed by the Director of the Department, shall make  
7 specific reference to the designating ordinance, which shall be  
8 attached thereto, and shall be filed in the office of the  
9 Secretary of State. A certified copy of the River Edge  
10 Redevelopment Zone Certificate, or a duplicate original  
11 thereof, shall be recorded in the office of the recorder of  
12 deeds of the county in which the River Edge Redevelopment Zone  
13 lies.

14 (b) A River Edge Redevelopment Zone shall be effective upon  
15 its certification. The Department shall transmit a copy of the  
16 certification to the Department of Revenue, and to the  
17 designating municipality. Upon certification of a River Edge  
18 Redevelopment Zone, the terms and provisions of the designating  
19 ordinance shall be in effect, and may not be amended or  
20 repealed except in accordance with Section 10-5.4.

21 (c) A River Edge Redevelopment Zone shall be in effect for  
22 the period stated in the certificate, which shall in no event  
23 exceed 30 calendar years. Zones shall terminate at midnight of  
24 December 31 of the final calendar year of the certified term,  
25 except as provided in Section 10-5.4.

26 (d) In calendar years 2006 and 2007, the Department may  
27 certify one pilot River Edge Redevelopment Zone in the City of  
28 East St. Louis, one pilot River Edge Redevelopment Zone in the  
29 City of Rockford, and one pilot River Edge Redevelopment Zone  
30 in the City of Aurora.

31 Thereafter the Department may not certify any additional  
32 River Edge Redevelopment Zones, but may amend and rescind  
33 certifications of existing River Edge Redevelopment Zones in  
34 accordance with Section 10-5.4.

1           (e) A municipality in which a River Edge Redevelopment Zone  
2 has been certified must submit to the Department, within 60  
3 days after the certification, a plan for encouraging the  
4 participation by minority persons, females, persons with  
5 disabilities, and veterans in the zone. The Department may  
6 assist the municipality in developing and implementing the  
7 plan. The terms "minority person", "female", and "person with a  
8 disability" have the meanings set forth under Section 2 of the  
9 Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with  
10 Disabilities Act. "Veteran" means an Illinois resident who is a  
11 veteran as defined in subsection (h) of Section 1491 of Title  
12 10 of the United States Code.

13           (Source: 94SB17ham003.)

14           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
15 becoming law."