



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB4147

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 506/15

Amends the Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority Act. Provides that a majority of the public members of the governing body of the Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority (instead of 8 members) constitutes a quorum. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Eastern Illinois Economic Development
5 Authority Act is amended by changing Section 15 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 506/15)

7 Sec. 15. Creation.

8 (a) There is created a political subdivision, body politic,
9 and municipal corporation named the Eastern Illinois Economic
10 Development Authority. The territorial jurisdiction of the
11 Authority is that geographic area within the boundaries of the
12 following counties: Ford, Iroquois, Piatt, Champaign,
13 Vermilion, Douglas, Moultrie, Shelby, Coles, and Edgar and any
14 navigable waters and air space located therein.

15 (b) The governing and administrative powers of the
16 Authority shall be vested in a body consisting of 14 members as
17 follows:

18 (1) Ex officio members. The Director of Commerce and
19 Economic Opportunity, or a designee of that Department,
20 shall serve as an ex officio member.

21 (2) Public members. Three members shall be appointed by
22 the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The
23 county board chairperson of the following counties shall

1 each appoint one member: Ford, Iroquois, Piatt, Champaign,
2 Vermilion, Douglas, Moultrie, Shelby, Coles, and Edgar.
3 All public members shall reside within the territorial
4 jurisdiction of the Authority. The public members shall be
5 persons of recognized ability and experience in one or more
6 of the following areas: economic development, finance,
7 banking, industrial development, state or local
8 government, commercial agriculture, small business
9 management, real estate development, community
10 development, venture finance, organized labor, or civic or
11 community organization.

12 (c) A majority of the members appointed under item (2) of
13 subsection (b) of this Section ~~8 members~~ shall constitute a
14 quorum.

15 (d) The chairperson of the Authority shall be elected
16 annually by the Board and must be a public member that resides
17 within the territorial jurisdiction of the Authority.

18 (e) The terms of all initial members of the Authority shall
19 begin 30 days after the effective date of this Act. Of the 3
20 original public members appointed by the Governor, 1 shall
21 serve until the third Monday in January, 2006; 1 shall serve
22 until the third Monday in January, 2007; 1 shall serve until
23 the third Monday in January, 2008. The initial terms of the
24 original public members appointed by the county board
25 chairpersons shall be determined by lot, according to the
26 following schedule: (i) 2 shall serve until the third Monday in

1 January, 2006, (ii) 2 shall serve until the third Monday in
2 January, 2007, (iii) 2 shall serve until the third Monday in
3 January, 2008, (iv) 2 shall serve until the third Monday in
4 January, 2009, and (v) 2 shall serve until the third Monday in
5 January, 2010. All successors to these original public members
6 shall be appointed by the original appointing authority and all
7 appointments made by the Governor shall be made with the advice
8 and consent of the Senate, pursuant to subsection (b), and
9 shall hold office for a term of 6 years commencing the third
10 Monday in January of the year in which their term commences,
11 except in the case of an appointment to fill a vacancy.
12 Vacancies occurring among the public members shall be filled
13 for the remainder of the term. In case of vacancy in a
14 Governor-appointed membership when the Senate is not in
15 session, the Governor may make a temporary appointment until
16 the next meeting of the Senate when a person shall be nominated
17 to fill the office and, upon confirmation by the Senate, he or
18 she shall hold office during the remainder of the term and
19 until a successor is appointed and qualified. Members of the
20 Authority are not entitled to compensation for their services
21 as members but are entitled to reimbursement for all necessary
22 expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their
23 duties as members.

24 (f) The Governor or a county board chairperson, as the case
25 may be, may remove any public member of the Authority in case
26 of incompetence, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office. The

1 chairperson of a county board may remove any public member
2 appointed by that chairperson in the case of incompetence,
3 neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office.

4 (g) The Board shall appoint an Executive Director who shall
5 have a background in finance, including familiarity with the
6 legal and procedural requirements of issuing bonds, real
7 estate, or economic development and administration. The
8 Executive Director shall hold office at the discretion of the
9 Board. The Executive Director shall be the chief administrative
10 and operational officer of the Authority, shall direct and
11 supervise its administrative affairs and general management,
12 perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time to
13 time by the members, and receive compensation fixed by the
14 Authority. The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
15 shall pay the compensation of the Executive Director from
16 appropriations received for that purpose. The Executive
17 Director shall attend all meetings of the Authority. However,
18 no action of the Authority shall be invalid on account of the
19 absence of the Executive Director from a meeting. The Authority
20 may engage the services of the Illinois Finance Authority,
21 attorneys, appraisers, engineers, accountants, credit
22 analysts, and other consultants if the Eastern Illinois
23 Economic Development Authority deems it advisable.

24 (Source: P.A. 94-203, eff. 7-13-05.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
26 becoming law.