

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 Counties Code is amended by adding Section  
5 42000 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/42000 new)

7 Sec. 42000. Wind farms. A county may own and operate a wind  
8 generation turbine farm, either individually or jointly with  
9 another unit of local government, school district, or community  
10 college district that is authorized to own and operate a wind  
11 generation turbine farm, that directly or indirectly reduces  
12 the energy or other operating costs of the county. The county  
13 may ask for the assistance of any State agency, including  
14 without limitation the Department of Commerce and Economic  
15 Opportunity, the Illinois Power Agency, or the Environmental  
16 Protection Agency, in obtaining financing options for a wind  
17 generation turbine farm.

18 Section 10. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by  
19 adding Section 11-15.3-1 as follows:

20 (65 ILCS 5/11-15.3-1 new)

21 Sec. 11-15.3-1. Wind farms. A municipality may own and

1 operate a wind generation turbine farm, either individually or  
2 jointly with another unit of local government, school district,  
3 or community college district that is authorized to own and  
4 operate a wind generation turbine farm, that directly or  
5 indirectly reduces the energy or other operating costs of the  
6 municipality. The municipality may ask for the assistance of  
7 any State agency, including without limitation the Department  
8 of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Illinois Power  
9 Agency, or the Environmental Protection Agency, in obtaining  
10 financing options for a wind generation turbine farm.

11 Section 15. The School Code is amended by changing and  
12 renumbering Sections 10-20.40 and 34-18.34 as follows:

13 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.42)

14 Sec. 10-20.42 ~~10-20.40~~. Wind farm. A school district may  
15 own and operate a wind generation turbine farm, either  
16 individually or jointly with a unit of local government, school  
17 district, or community college district that is authorized to  
18 own and operate a wind generation turbine farm, that directly  
19 or indirectly reduces the energy or other operating costs of  
20 the school district. The school district may ask for the  
21 assistance of any State agency, including without limitation  
22 the State Board of Education, the Illinois Power Agency, or the  
23 Environmental Protection Agency, in obtaining financing  
24 options for a wind generation turbine farm.

1 (Source: P.A. 95-390, eff. 8-23-07; revised 12-7-07.)

2 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.36)

3 Sec. 34-18.36 ~~34-18.34~~. Wind farm. The school district may  
4 own and operate a wind generation turbine farm, either  
5 individually or jointly with a unit of local government, school  
6 district, or community college district that is authorized to  
7 own and operate a wind generation turbine farm, that directly  
8 or indirectly reduces the energy or other operating costs of  
9 the school district. The school district may ask for the  
10 assistance of any State agency, including without limitation  
11 the State Board of Education, the Illinois Power Agency, or the  
12 Environmental Protection Agency, in obtaining financing  
13 options for a wind generation turbine farm.

14 (Source: P.A. 95-390, eff. 8-23-07; revised 12-7-07.)

15 Section 20. The Public Community College Act is amended by  
16 changing Section 3-42.3 as follows:

17 (110 ILCS 805/3-42.3)

18 Sec. 3-42.3. Wind farm. To own and operate a wind  
19 generation turbine farm, either individually or jointly with a  
20 unit of local government, school district, or community college  
21 district that is authorized to own and operate a wind  
22 generation turbine farm, that directly or indirectly reduces  
23 the energy or other operating costs of the community college

1 district. The board may ask for the assistance of any State  
2 agency, including without limitation the State Board, the  
3 Illinois Power Agency, or the Environmental Protection Agency,  
4 in obtaining financing options for a wind generation turbine  
5 farm.

6 (Source: P.A. 95-390, eff. 8-23-07.)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
8 becoming law.