

HB4774



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2007 and 2008

HB4774

by Rep. Dave Winters

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/5-1130 new
65 ILCS 5/11-153-1 new

Amends the Counties Code and the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that the county board of any county and the corporate authorities of any municipality may acquire agricultural land conservation easements for farmland preservation purposes. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 5-1130 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-1130 new)

7 Sec. 5-1130. Purchase of agricultural conservation
8 easements for farmland preservation. The county board of any
9 county may, by ordinance, acquire one or more agricultural land
10 conservation easements, permanent or definitive, for farmland
11 preservation purposes through the purchase of easements from
12 landowners. The easement rights must limit the use of the land
13 to production agriculture, as defined in Section 3-35 of the
14 Use Tax Act, for a term specified by the ordinance.

15 Section 10. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
16 adding Section 11-153-1 as follows:

17 (65 ILCS 5/11-153-1 new)

18 Sec. 11-153-1. Purchase of agricultural conservation
19 easements for farmland preservation. The corporate authorities
20 of any municipality may, by ordinance, acquire one or more
21 agricultural land conservation easements, permanent or

1 definitive, for farmland preservation purposes through the
2 purchase of easements from landowners. The easement rights must
3 limit the use of the land to production agriculture, as defined
4 in Section 3-35 of the Use Tax Act, for a term specified by the
5 ordinance.

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