

**SB0276**



**95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

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Introduced 2/7/2007, by Sen. Dale A. Righter

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

New Act

Creates the Illinois Ethanol Board Act. Establishes the Board to promote the development and use of ethanol and the implementation of air quality improvement programs. Provides for the appointment of the Board by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Provides for ex officio non-voting members from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Department of Agriculture, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and a State university designated by the Governor. Provides that the Board shall create an administrator position and sets out the duties of that administrator. Specifies the Board's various powers and duties. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

**A BILL FOR**

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

1 members.

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

6 (c) A member shall serve until his or her successor is  
7 appointed and qualified. A vacancy in membership exists upon a  
8 member's death, disability, resignation, removal for cause, or  
9 failure to hold the office designated in item (2) or (3) of  
10 subsection (b), but does not arise upon the expiration of a  
11 voting member's term. A vacancy in the office of a voting  
12 member shall be filled by appointment of the Governor, with the  
13 advice and consent of the Senate, for the remainder of the  
14 term.

15 (d) The Board shall meet at least annually. Members shall  
16 receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for their  
17 actual and necessary expenses from funds appropriated and  
18 available for that purpose.

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

21 Section 15. Administrator.

22 (a) The Board shall employ a full-time administrator and  
23 determine the duties of that administrator.

24 (b) The administrator shall compile an annual report on the  
25 Board's activities during the preceding 12 months and submit

1 the report to the Board, the Governor's Office, the Secretary  
2 of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

3 Section 20. Board powers.

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

6 (b) The Board may employ the services of experts and  
7 consultants and expend funds as necessary for the performance  
8 of its powers and duties, including but not limited to, funds  
9 for the acquisition of commodities.

10 (c) The Board may accept gifts, grants, donations, money,  
11 and services.

12 Section 25. Board duties. The Board shall:

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

16 (2) Promote the implementation of air quality  
17 improvement programs.

18 (3) Perform such other duties as may be required by  
19 law.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
21 becoming law.