

1 AN ACT concerning conservation.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Lake Management Program Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 10 as follows:

6 (525 ILCS 25/10 new)

7 Sec. 10. Task Force on the Conservation and Quality of the  
8 Great Lakes.

9 (a) The Task Force on the Conservation and Quality of the  
10 Great Lakes is created for the protection of the water quality  
11 of the Great Lakes and to educate members of the General  
12 Assembly and the general population on the conditions of the  
13 Great Lakes. The Task Force consists of the following members:

14 (1) one member of the Senate appointed by the President  
15 of the Senate;

16 (2) one member of the Senate appointed by the Minority  
17 Leader of the Senate;

18 (3) one member of the House of Representatives  
19 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

20 (4) one member of the House of Representatives  
21 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
22 Representatives;

23 (5) one member appointed by the Governor;

1           (6) the Director of the Environmental Protection  
2           Agency, ex officio, or his or her designee;

3           (7) the Director of Natural Resources, ex officio, or  
4           his or her designee;

5           (8) the Executive Director of the Illinois  
6           International Port District, or his or her designee;

7           (9) the Mayor of the City of Chicago, ex officio, or  
8           his or her designee; and

9           (10) one member representing a national alliance that  
10           is organized for the purpose of protecting and preserving  
11           the Great Lakes.

12           The members shall select a chairperson from among themselves.

13           (b) The Environmental Protection Agency shall with the  
14           assistance of the Department of Natural Resources provide staff  
15           and support and is responsible for the administration of the  
16           Task Force. The Task Force shall hold its first meeting within  
17           90 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
18           96th General Assembly. The Task Force shall meet at least once  
19           each calendar quarter. The members shall serve without  
20           compensation.

21           (c) The Task Force shall review and discuss various topics  
22           related to the supply and quality of water in the Great Lakes,  
23           including, but not limited to:

24           (1) the availability of federal funds for projects  
25           related to water quality and supply;

26           (2) the extent of water consumption and use from the

1 Great Lakes;

2 (3) the current and projected water levels of the Great  
3 Lakes, particularly of Lake Michigan;

4 (4) levels of water pollution and the sources impacting  
5 water quality of the Great Lakes;

6 (5) the impact of water quality and supply issues on  
7 recreational activities and natural habitats;

8 (6) the impact of invasive species on the Great Lakes  
9 ecosystem; and

10 (7) current laws and regulations affecting the Great  
11 Lakes, including the Great Lakes Compact.

12 The Task Force may call upon experts to provide additional  
13 information and testimony.

14 (d) Each year, the Task Force shall submit a report to the  
15 General Assembly outlining its recommendation concerning any  
16 legislative actions to protect the water quality and supply of  
17 the Great Lakes. The first report must be submitted no later  
18 than June 1, 2010.

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