

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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 Main Street Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative purpose. The General Assembly makes
7 the following findings:

8 (1) The continued economic vitality of downtown and
9 neighborhood commercial districts in our municipalities is
10 essential to community preservation, social cohesion, and
11 economic growth.

12 (2) Municipalities need to maintain their local
13 economies so that business owners will be able to provide
14 goods and services to the community, to provide employment
15 opportunities, to avoid disinvestment and economic
16 dislocations, and to develop and sustain downtown and
17 neighborhood commercial district revitalization programs
18 to address these problems.

19 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

20 "Department" means the Department of Commerce and Economic
21 Opportunity.

22 "Director" means the Director of Commerce and Economic

1 Opportunity.

2 "Program" means the Illinois Main Street Program.

3 Section 15. Illinois Main Street Program. The Illinois Main
4 Street Program is created within the Department. In order to
5 implement the Illinois Main Street Program, the Department
6 shall do all of the following:

7 (1) Provide assistance to municipalities designated as
8 Main Street Communities, municipalities interested in
9 becoming designated through the program, and businesses,
10 property owners, organizations, and municipalities
11 undertaking a comprehensive downtown or neighborhood
12 commercial district revitalization initiative and
13 management strategy. Assistance may include, but is not
14 limited to, initial site evaluations and assessments,
15 training for local programs, training for local program
16 staff, site visits and assessments by technical
17 specialists, local program design assistance and
18 evaluation, and continued local program on-site
19 assistance.

20 (2) To the extent funds are made available, provide
21 financial assistance to municipalities or local
22 organizations to assist in initial downtown or
23 neighborhood commercial district revitalization program
24 specialized training, specific project feasibility
25 studies, market studies, and design assistance.

1 (3) Operate the Illinois Main Street Program in
2 accordance with the plan developed by the Department.

3 (4) Consider other factors the Department deems
4 necessary for the implementation of this Act.

5 Section 20. Main Street Community designation.

6 (a) The Department shall adopt criteria for the designation
7 of a Main Street Community. In establishing the criteria, the
8 Department shall consider all of the following:

9 (1) The degree of interest and commitment to
10 comprehensive downtown or neighborhood commercial district
11 revitalization and, where applicable, historic
12 preservation by both the public and private sectors.

13 (2) The evidence of potential private sector
14 investment in the downtown or neighborhood commercial
15 district.

16 (3) Where applicable, a downtown or neighborhood
17 commercial district with sufficient historic fabric to
18 become a foundation for an enhanced community image.

19 (4) The capacity of the organization to undertake a
20 comprehensive program and the financial commitment to
21 implement a long-term downtown or neighborhood commercial
22 district revitalization program that includes a commitment
23 to employ a professional program manager.

24 (5) The National Main Street Center's criteria for
25 designating official main street municipalities.

1 (6) Other factors the Department deems necessary for
2 the designation of a local program.

3 (b) Illinois Main Street shall designate local downtown or
4 neighborhood commercial district revitalization programs and
5 official local main street programs.

6 (c) The Department must approve all local downtown or
7 neighborhood commercial district revitalization program
8 boundaries. The boundaries of a local downtown or neighborhood
9 commercial district revitalization program are typically
10 defined using the pedestrian core of a traditional commercial
11 district.

12 Section 25. Illinois Main Street Plan. The Department
13 shall, in consultation with the Lieutenant Governor, develop a
14 plan for the Illinois Main Street Program. The plan shall
15 describe:

16 (1) the objectives and strategies of the Illinois Main
17 Street Program;

18 (2) how the Illinois Main Street Program will be
19 coordinated with existing federal, state, local, and
20 private sector business development and historic
21 preservation efforts;

22 (3) the means by which private investment will be
23 solicited and employed;

24 (4) the methods of selecting and providing assistance
25 to participating local programs; and

1 (5) a means to solicit private contributions for State
2 and local operations of the Illinois Main Street Program.

3 Section 30. Role of the Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant
4 Governor shall be the Ambassador of the Illinois Main Street
5 Program. The Department shall advise and consult with the
6 Lieutenant Governor on the activities of the Illinois Main
7 Street Program. The Lieutenant Governor, with the assistance of
8 the Department, shall promote and encourage the success of the
9 Illinois Main Street Program.

10 Section 35. Illinois Main Street Fund. The Illinois Main
11 Street Fund is created as a special fund in the State treasury.
12 All receipts from private contributions, federal funds,
13 legislative appropriations, and fees for services, if levied,
14 must be deposited into the Fund. Subject to appropriation,
15 expenditures from the Fund may be used only for the benefit of
16 the Illinois Main Street Program.

17 Section 90. The Green Governments Illinois Act is amended
18 by changing Sections 15, 35, and 45 as follows:

19 (20 ILCS 3954/15)

20 Sec. 15. Composition of the Council. The Council shall be
21 composed ~~comprised~~ of representatives from various State
22 agencies and State universities with specific fiscal,

1 procurement, educational, and environmental policy expertise.
2 Until the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th
3 General Assembly, the ~~The~~ Lieutenant Governor is the chair of
4 the Council. On and after the effective date of this amendatory
5 Act of the 97th General Assembly, the Governor is the chair of
6 the Council, and the Lieutenant Governor, or his or her
7 designee, shall be a member of the council. The director or
8 President, respectively, of each of the following State
9 agencies and State universities, or his or her designee, is a
10 member of the Council: the Department of Commerce and Economic
11 Opportunity, the Environmental Protection Agency, the
12 University of Illinois, the Department of Natural Resources,
13 the Department of Central Management Services, the Governor's
14 Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Agriculture,
15 the Department of Transportation, the Department of
16 Corrections, the Department of Human Services, the Department
17 of Public Health, the State Board of Education, the Board of
18 Higher Education, and the Capital Development Board. The Office
19 of the ~~Lieutenant~~ Governor shall provide administrative
20 support to the Council. A minimum of one staff position in the
21 Office of the ~~Lieutenant~~ Governor shall be dedicated to the
22 Green Governments Illinois program.

23 (Source: P.A. 95-657, eff. 10-10-07; 95-728, eff. 7-1-08 - See
24 Sec. 999; 96-74, eff. 7-24-09.)

1 Sec. 35. Environmental Plans and Reporting.

2 (a) Each State agency shall submit an annual adopted
3 environmental sustainability plan to the chairman of the
4 Council for review and approval on or before April 1, 2008 and
5 each April 1 thereafter.

6 On or before November 1, 2007, the Council shall prepare a
7 downloadable plan template designed to provide a simple
8 framework for the development of an environmental
9 sustainability plan as required by this Act. The Council shall
10 adopt procedures for reviewing and approving the plans, and
11 make staff available during preparation of the plans to assist
12 State agencies with their plan-writing efforts. The Council
13 shall complete its plan review process on or before June 1,
14 2008. The sustainability plans shall be reviewed and updated
15 periodically, but at least once every 3 years. Units of local
16 government and educational institutions are encouraged to
17 submit similar sustainability plans to the chairman of the
18 Council for review and approval.

19 (b) On or before January 1, 2008, each State agency, using
20 existing resources, shall form an internal environmental
21 sustainability committee. The environmental sustainability
22 committee shall (i) assess the environmental and resource use
23 impacts of its major operational activities making
24 environmental improvements, conserving resources, and reducing
25 health risks; (ii) develop an annual environmental
26 sustainability plan as required under this Act; and (iii)

1 establish an ongoing process through which their
2 sustainability efforts can be reviewed and improved upon. The
3 committee shall focus on the most significant environmental and
4 resource use impacts, examine the feasibility and
5 cost-effectiveness of addressing these impacts, and prioritize
6 their actions accordingly.

7 Where feasible, the committee shall quantify the specific
8 impacts of major operational activities such as gallons of
9 water used, pounds of solid waste generated, gallons of
10 gasoline consumed, and dollars spent per year on electricity.
11 The committee shall consist of representatives from different
12 departments and program areas, including purchasing,
13 maintenance, and facility management. A senior member of
14 management shall be designated to coordinate environmental
15 sustainability efforts of each committee. The coordinator
16 shall provide information to agency facilities and staff,
17 coordinate planning and reporting activities, and act as
18 liaison to the Council. Where appropriate, State agencies may
19 appoint facility coordinators in addition to the agency
20 coordinator. Coordinators shall be given full management
21 support and provided with the necessary resources to meet the
22 goals of this Act.

23 (c) On or before July 1, 2008 and on or before September 1
24 of each subsequent year, each State agency shall submit to the
25 chairman of the Council a report summarizing the progress made
26 in implementing its annual environmental sustainability plan,

1 including sustainability measures adopted and goals achieved.
2 The information in this report shall encompass the previous
3 fiscal year.

4 On or before June 1, 2008, the Council shall develop and
5 adopt a reporting form to be used to comply with the provisions
6 of this Section. Participating units of local government and
7 educational institutions are encouraged to submit an annual
8 progress report on or before September 1 of each year.

9 (d) State agencies shall be invited to participate in the
10 Council's efforts to foster environmental sustainability
11 practices throughout State government.

12 (e) The Council shall provide technical assistance to State
13 agencies, units of local government, and educational
14 institutions for the purpose of implementing the environmental
15 sustainability planning requirement.

16 (f) The Council may establish criteria for exempting select
17 State agencies from the environmental sustainability planning
18 based on staff size, probable environmental impacts, and scope
19 of operations.

20 (Source: P.A. 95-657, eff. 10-10-07; 96-74, eff. 7-24-09.)

21 (20 ILCS 3954/45)

22 Sec. 45. Green Governments Illinois website.

23 (a) The Green Governments Illinois staff member of the
24 ~~Lieutenant~~ Governor's Office shall be responsible for
25 establishing and maintaining an Internet website devoted to the

1 Green Governments Illinois program.

2 (b) The content and capabilities of the website shall, at a
3 minimum, include:

4 (1) (blank) ~~the ability to receive submitted plans and~~
5 ~~reports;~~

6 (2) (blank) ~~a downloadable template for preparing~~
7 ~~reports;~~

8 (3) viewable and downloadable plans and reports
9 submitted by the participating units of State and local
10 government and educational institutions;

11 (4) a listing of sources of information on developing
12 environmental programs and Internet links, if available,
13 to those sources;

14 (5) a listing of sources of funding for environmental
15 programs and Internet links, if available, to those
16 sources;

17 (6) information on forming intergovernmental
18 agreements for the purpose of developing collaborative
19 environmental plans between units of local government; and

20 (7) guidance materials to assist State agencies, units
21 of local government, and educational institutions in
22 identifying environmental impacts and evaluating practical
23 actions to prevent pollution and conserve resources.

24 (Source: P.A. 95-657, eff. 10-10-07.)

25 Section 95. The State Finance Act is amended by adding

1 Section 5.786 as follows:

2 (30 ILCS 105/5.786 new)

3 Sec. 5.786. The Illinois Main Street Fund.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.