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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 168

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 168 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Mississippi River Coordinating Council Act
5 is amended by changing Sections 10, 15, and 20 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 4003/10)

7 Sec. 10. Mississippi River Coordinating Council.

8 (a) There is established the Mississippi River
9 Coordinating Council (Council), consisting of 16 ~~13~~ voting
10 members to be appointed by the Governor. One member shall be
11 the Lieutenant Governor who shall serve as a voting member and
12 as chairperson of the Council. The agency members of the
13 Council shall include the Directors, or their designees, of the
14 following: the Department of Agriculture, the Department of
15 Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Illinois Environmental
16 Protection Agency, the Department of Natural Resources, the

1 Historic Preservation Agency, and the Department of
2 Transportation. In addition, the Council shall include one
3 member representing Soil and Water Conservation Districts
4 located in the proximity of the Mississippi River and its
5 tributaries, and 8 ~~6~~ members representing local communities,
6 not-for-profit organizations working to protect the
7 Mississippi River and its tributaries, businesses,
8 agriculture, recreation, conservation, and the environment, 2
9 of which must reside within a county that is adjacent to the
10 Mississippi River.

11 (b) The Governor may appoint, as ex-officio members,
12 individuals representing the interests of the states who border
13 the Mississippi River and individuals representing federal
14 agencies.

15 (c) Members of the Council shall serve 2-year terms, except
16 that of the initial appointments, 5 members shall be appointed
17 to serve 3-year terms and 4 members to serve one-year terms.

18 (d) The Council shall meet at least quarterly.

19 (e) The Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall be
20 responsible for the operations of the Council, including,
21 without limitation, funding and oversight of the Council's
22 activities. The Office may reimburse members of the Council for
23 travel expenses.

24 (f) This Section is subject to the provisions of Section
25 405-500 of the Department of Central Management Services Law.

26 (g) The members of the Council shall appoint one member of

1 the Council to serve as the Illinois representative to the
2 National Mississippi River Parkway Commission.

3 (Source: P.A. 94-996, eff. 1-1-07.)

4 (20 ILCS 4003/15)

5 Sec. 15. Duties of the Council.

6 (a) The Council shall:

7 (1) periodically review activities and programs
8 administered by State and federal agencies that directly
9 impact the Mississippi River and its tributaries;

10 (2) work with local communities and organizations to
11 encourage partnerships that enhance awareness and
12 capabilities to address watershed and water resource
13 concerns and to encourage strategies that protect,
14 restore, and expand critical habitats and soil
15 conservation and water quality practices;

16 (3) work with State and federal agencies to optimize
17 the expenditure of funds affecting the Mississippi River
18 and its tributaries;

19 (4) advise and make recommendations to the Governor and
20 State agencies on ways to better coordinate the expenditure
21 of appropriated funds affecting the Mississippi River and
22 its tributaries;

23 (5) encourage local communities to develop water
24 management plans to address stormwater, erosion, flooding,
25 sedimentation, and pollution problems and encourage

1 projects for the natural conveyance and storage of
2 floodwaters, the enhancement of wildlife habitat and
3 outdoor recreation opportunities, the recovery,
4 management, and conservation of the Mississippi River and
5 its tributaries, the preservation of farmland, prairies,
6 and forests, and the use of measurable economic development
7 efforts that are compatible with the ecological health of
8 the State; and

9 (6) help identify possible sources of additional
10 funding for Mississippi River water management projects
11 and projects and activities related to the Great River
12 Road, a national scenic and recreational highway.

13 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Council may pay for a
14 membership to the National Mississippi River Commission.

15 (Source: P.A. 94-996, eff. 1-1-07.)

16 (20 ILCS 4003/20)

17 Sec. 20. Agency duties. State agencies represented on the
18 Council shall provide to the Council, on request, information
19 concerning agency programs, data, and activities that impact
20 the restoration and preservation of the Mississippi River and
21 its tributaries. The Secretary of Transportation, the Director
22 of Agriculture, the Director of the Environmental Protection
23 Agency, the Director of Historic Preservation, the Director of
24 Natural Resources, and the Director of Commerce and Economic
25 Opportunity shall each designate at least one employee from his

1 or her respective agency to assist the Council.

2 (Source: P.A. 94-996, eff. 1-1-07.)

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