

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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

4 Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by changing
5 Section 6z-32 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/6z-32)

7 Sec. 6z-32. Partners for Planning and Conservation.

8 (a) The Partners for Conservation Fund (formerly known as
9 the Conservation 2000 Fund) and the Partners for Conservation
10 Projects Fund (formerly known as the Conservation 2000 Projects
11 Fund) are created as special funds in the State Treasury. These
12 funds shall be used to establish a comprehensive program to
13 protect Illinois' natural resources through cooperative
14 partnerships between State government and public and private
15 landowners. Moneys in these Funds may be used, subject to
16 appropriation, by the Department of Natural Resources, the
17 Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of
18 Agriculture for purposes relating to natural resource
19 protection, planning, recreation, tourism, and compatible
20 agricultural and economic development activities. Without
21 limiting these general purposes, moneys in these Funds may be
22 used, subject to appropriation, for the following specific
23 purposes:

1 (1) To foster sustainable agriculture practices and
2 control soil erosion and sedimentation, including grants
3 to Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Conservation
4 Land Trusts for conservation stewardship and land
5 protection practice cost-share grants for water quality
6 protection and improvement and for personnel, educational,
7 and administrative expenses.

8 (2) To establish and protect a system of ecosystems in
9 public and private ownership through conservation
10 easements, incentives to public and private landowners,
11 natural resource restoration and preservation, water
12 quality protection and improvement, land use and watershed
13 planning, technical assistance and grants, and land
14 acquisition, provided these mechanisms are all voluntary
15 on the part of the landowner and do not involve the use of
16 eminent domain.

17 (3) To develop a systematic and long-term program to
18 effectively measure and monitor natural resources and
19 ecological conditions through investments in technology
20 and involvement of scientific experts.

21 (4) To initiate strategies to enhance, use, and
22 maintain Illinois' inland lakes through education,
23 technical assistance, research, and financial incentives.

24 (5) To partner with private landowners; Conservation
25 Land Trusts; ~~and with~~ units of State, federal, and local
26 government; ~~and with~~ not-for-profit organizations in order

1 to integrate State and federal programs with Illinois'
 2 natural resource protection and restoration efforts and to
 3 meet requirements to obtain federal and other funds for
 4 conservation or protection of natural resources.

5 (b) The State Comptroller and State Treasurer shall
 6 automatically transfer on the last day of each month, beginning
 7 on September 30, 1995 and ending on June 30, 2021, from the
 8 General Revenue Fund to the Partners for Conservation Fund, an
 9 amount equal to 1/10 of the amount set forth below in fiscal
 10 year 1996 and an amount equal to 1/12 of the amount set forth
 11 below in each of the other specified fiscal years:

12 Fiscal Year	Amount
13 1996	\$ 3,500,000
14 1997	\$ 9,000,000
15 1998	\$10,000,000
16 1999	\$11,000,000
17 2000	\$12,500,000
18 2001 through 2004	\$14,000,000
19 2005	\$7,000,000
20 2006	\$11,000,000
21 2007	\$0
22 2008 through 2021	\$14,000,000

23 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
 24 contrary and in addition to any other transfers that may be
 25 provided for by law, on the last day of each month beginning on
 26 July 31, 2006 and ending on June 30, 2007, or as soon

1 thereafter as may be practical, the State Comptroller shall
2 direct and the State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from
3 the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Fund to the
4 Conservation 2000 Fund.

5 (d) There shall be deposited into the Partners for
6 Conservation Projects Fund such bond proceeds and other moneys
7 as may, from time to time, be provided by law.

8 (Source: P.A. 94-91, eff. 7-1-05; 94-839, eff. 6-6-06; 95-139,
9 eff. 1-1-08.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
11 2011.