



1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 73

2 (As Amended by Senate Amendment Nos. 1 & 2)

3 WHEREAS, Numerous development projects are occurring in  
4 Illinois, including roads, electric transmission lines, and  
5 pipelines; and

6 WHEREAS, Landowners are often unaware their land is being  
7 considered for a project until they are contacted by a field  
8 agent; and

9 WHEREAS, An open line of communication often eases  
10 landowner concerns and helps preserve the integrity of any land  
11 impacted by construction; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
14 CONCURRING HEREIN, that, in the taking of land or seeking of  
15 easements by eminent domain or quick-take procedures for  
16 development projects, the Senate recommends the following  
17 steps be followed by the entity developing the project:

18 (1) Notify affected landowners about the potential  
19 project as soon as possible and provide a reliable time  
20 frame for development activities;

21 (2) Notify a landowner prior to entering the  
22 landowner's private property for any reason;

- 1           (3) Keep work crews within the working easement;
- 2           (4) If applicable, ensure all field drainage tiles are  
3 repaired by a drain tile contractor chosen after  
4 consultation with the landowner, including repairing  
5 drainage issues discovered after the project is completed;
- 6           (5) Ensure that road closings are limited and  
7 appropriate detour access is provided;
- 8           (6) Ensure that runoff and stormwater are  
9 appropriately managed;
- 10          (7) Assign a point person before, during, and after the  
11 process who will be responsible for assuring a credible  
12 communication process and for taking appropriate action  
13 when notified by landowners; and
- 14          (8) Inform landowners about any pertinent State  
15 agriculture impact mitigation agreements and inform them  
16 that the provisions of those agreements may be the minimum  
17 standards for impact mitigation that could be included in  
18 landowner agreements or contracts.