

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 Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Act is amended
5 by changing Sections 20 and 25 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 595/20)

7 Sec. 20. Responsibilities of the Local Food, Farms, and
8 Jobs Council. The responsibilities of the Local Food, Farms,
9 and Jobs Council include, but are not limited to, the
10 following:

11 (a) To assist State agencies, State-owned facilities, and
12 other entities with the purchase of local farm or food products
13 and with tracking and reporting of such purchases in order to
14 meet the goals established in Section 10 of this Act.

15 (b) To assist local farm and food entrepreneurs to identify
16 and secure necessary resources and equipment to begin,
17 maintain, and expand projects and networks necessary for the
18 development of local farm or food products; provided, however,
19 that it is the intent of this Act that the Local Food, Farms,
20 and Jobs Council will facilitate program start-ups and then
21 relinquish rights, benefits, and control within a reasonably
22 short duration of time.

23 (c) To facilitate the building of infrastructure,

1 including aggregation, processing, storage, packaging, and
2 distribution facilities necessary to move local farm or food
3 products to local and other markets.

4 (d) To support and expand programs that recruit, train, and
5 provide technical assistance to Illinois farmers and residents
6 in order to encourage the production of local farm or food
7 products.

8 (e) To coordinate interagency policies, initiatives, and
9 procedures promoting local farm and food products in Illinois
10 communities, by working with and involving State, federal, and
11 local agencies, as well as community based organizations,
12 educational institutions, and trade organizations in executing
13 the purposes of this Act.

14 (f) To facilitate the elimination of legal barriers
15 hindering the development of a local farm and food economy by
16 working with federal, State, and local public health agencies,
17 other agencies and applicable entities, and the Illinois
18 Attorney General to create consistent and compatible
19 regulations for the production, storage, distribution, and
20 marketing of local farm or food products.

21 (g) To facilitate the use of public lands for growing local
22 farm or food products by working with governmental entities at
23 the local, State, and federal levels.

24 (h) To set annual goals for all purchases of local farm or
25 food products by Illinois residents and to monitor the
26 development and expansion of a local farm and food economy

1 through data collection, tracking, measurement, analysis, and
2 reporting on progress made in an annual report to the Illinois
3 General Assembly.

4 (i) (Blank). ~~To develop, in collaboration with the~~
5 ~~Department of Agriculture, a label and certification program~~
6 ~~different than the "Illinois Product" label program, whereby a~~
7 ~~label with a specific name and unique design or logo may be~~
8 ~~placed on local farm and food products.~~

9 (j) To initiate and facilitate public awareness campaigns
10 about the economic benefits of a local farm and food economy.

11 (Source: P.A. 96-579, eff. 8-18-09.)

12 (30 ILCS 595/25)

13 Sec. 25. Governance of the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs
14 Council.

15 (a) The Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council shall be
16 governed by a 20-member ~~35-member~~ board of directors, which
17 shall be comprised of the following:

18 (1) one representative each from the Department of
19 Agriculture; ~~the Department of Commerce and Economic~~
20 ~~Opportunity;~~ the Department of Public Health; the Illinois
21 Finance Authority; the Office of the State Treasurer; an
22 agency tasked with responsibilities over economic or
23 workforce development; ~~the Department of Human Services,~~
24 ~~Office of Health and Prevention; the Department of Human~~
25 ~~Services, Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness;~~

1 ~~(2) the Director of the Lieutenant Governor's Rural~~
2 ~~Affairs Council;~~

3 (2) ~~(3)~~ one agricultural specialist from the
4 University of Illinois Extension;

5 (3) one representative of the State's largest general
6 farm organization;

7 (4) thirteen representatives, each of whom shall
8 represent at least one of the following interests, and each
9 interest shall be represented by at least one
10 representative:

11 (A) local farm or food product farmers
12 representing different sectors, including, but not
13 limited to, dairy, meat, vegetable, and grain;

14 (B) local farm or food product producers
15 representing different flower, fruit, viticulture,
16 aquaculture, forestry, seeds, fiber, ornamental, or
17 other specialty crop sectors;

18 (C) local farm or food product processors or
19 distributors, preferentially those operating
20 cooperatively or under local ownership;

21 (D) not-for-profit educational organizations that
22 specialize in supporting and expanding local farm or
23 food product networks;

24 (E) local farm or food product retailers;

25 (F) municipalities in the State actively engaged
26 in the development of local farm or food products;

1 (G) banking, investment, or philanthropic
2 communities with expertise in financing or supporting
3 local foods production and infrastructure;

4 (H) community-based organizations focusing on
5 access to local farm or food products;

6 (I) restaurants or food service businesses,
7 schools, or institutions that use or seek to increase
8 and promote use of local foods; and

9 (J) employees working for businesses in the food
10 system.

11 ~~(4) four local farm or food product farmers~~
12 ~~representing different agribusiness sectors,~~
13 ~~including, but not limited to, the dairy, meat,~~
14 ~~vegetable, and grain sectors;~~

15 ~~(5) four local farm or food product producers~~
16 ~~representing different flower, fruit, viticulture,~~
17 ~~aquaculture, forestry, seeds, fiber, vegetable,~~
18 ~~ornamental, or other specialty crop sectors;~~

19 ~~(6) two local farm or food product processors;~~

20 ~~(7) two local farm or food product distributors;~~

21 ~~(8) three representatives of not-for-profit~~
22 ~~educational organizations that specialize in supporting~~
23 ~~and expanding local farm or food product networks;~~

24 ~~(9) one certifier of specialty local farm or food~~
25 ~~products, such as an organic, naturally grown, biodynamic,~~
26 ~~Halal, or Kosher certifier;~~

1 ~~(10) one local farm or food product consumer~~
2 ~~representative;~~

3 ~~(11) two representatives of farm organizations;~~

4 ~~(12) one representative from a philanthropic~~
5 ~~organization supporting the development of local farm or~~
6 ~~food products;~~

7 ~~(13) one local farm or food product retailer;~~

8 ~~(14) two municipal representatives from different~~
9 ~~communities in the State actively engaged in the~~
10 ~~development of local farm or food products;~~

11 ~~(15) four representatives from community-based~~
12 ~~organizations focusing on access to local farm or food~~
13 ~~products, including at least 3 minority members; and~~

14 ~~(16) one chef specializing in the preparation of~~
15 ~~locally grown foods.~~

16 (b) The 15 ~~29~~ non-state governmental board members shall be
17 appointed by the Governor to 3-year staggered terms as
18 determined by the Governor. Persons may be nominated by
19 organizations representing the sectors outlined in subsection
20 (a) of this Section. Vacancies shall be filled by the Governor.

21 (c) The Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council may apply for
22 and establish a not for profit corporation under the General
23 Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986.

24 (d) The board of directors shall have all the rights,
25 titles, powers, privileges, and obligations provided for in the
26 General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986. It shall elect

1 its presiding officers from among its members and may elect or
2 appoint an executive committee, other committees, and
3 subcommittees to conduct the business of the organization.

4 (e) The Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council may solicit
5 grants, loans, and contributions from public or private sources
6 and may enter into any contracts, grants, loans, or agreements
7 with respect to the use of such funds to execute the purposes
8 of this Act. No debt or obligation of the Local Food, Farms,
9 and Jobs Council shall become the debt or obligation of the
10 State.

11 (f) The Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council shall not be
12 considered a State Agency, and its funds shall be considered
13 private funds and held in an appropriate account outside of the
14 State Treasury. Private funds collected by the Local Food,
15 Farms, and Jobs Council are not subject to the Public Funds
16 Investment Act. Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council procurement
17 is exempt from the Illinois Procurement Code. The treasurer of
18 Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council funds shall be custodian of
19 all Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council funds. The Local Food,
20 Farms, and Jobs Council and its officers shall be responsible
21 for the approval of recording of receipts, approval of
22 payments, and the proper filing of required reports. The Local
23 Food, Farms, and Jobs Council's records shall be audited
24 annually by an independent auditor who is a certified public
25 accountant and has been selected by the Board. An annual report
26 shall also be compiled by the Board. Both the annual report and

1 the annual audit shall be filed with any public agency
2 providing funds to the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council and
3 be made available to the public.

4 (g) Subject to the availability of public or private funds,
5 the board of directors may employ an executive director,
6 treasurer, other staff, or independent contractors necessary
7 to execute the purposes of this Act, and it may fix the
8 compensation, benefits, terms, and conditions of those
9 persons' employment.

10 (h) The State Governmental agencies represented on the
11 board of directors may re-direct existing staff, as
12 appropriations permit; assist in executing the purposes of this
13 Act; and provide office space, meeting space, and other
14 research and communication services as appropriate.

15 (i) The Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council may be assisted
16 in carrying out its functions by personnel of the Department of
17 Agriculture. The Department shall provide reasonable
18 assistance to the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council to help
19 it achieve its purposes.

20 (Source: P.A. 96-579, eff. 8-18-09.)