

1 AN ACT concerning 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 Mahomet Aquifer Protection Task Force Act.

6 Section 5. Mahomet Aquifer Protection Task Force created.
7 There is created the Mahomet Aquifer Protection Task Force to
8 address the issue of maintaining the clean drinking water of
9 the Mahomet Aquifer, the principal aquifer in east-central
10 Illinois. The Mahomet Aquifer Protection Task Force shall
11 consist of the following persons:

12 (1) one member of the Senate, appointed by the
13 President of the Senate;

14 (2) one member of the House of Representatives,
15 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

16 (3) one member of the Senate, appointed by the Minority
17 Leader of the Senate;

18 (4) one member of the House of Representatives,
19 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
20 Representatives;

21 (5) one member representing the Illinois Environmental
22 Protection Agency, appointed by the Director of the
23 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency;

1 (6) one member representing a national waste and
2 recycling organization, appointed by the Governor;

3 (7) one member representing a statewide environmental
4 organization, appointed by the Governor;

5 (8) three members representing a non-profit consortium
6 dedicated to the sustainability of the Mahomet Aquifer,
7 appointed by the Governor;

8 (9) one member representing the Illinois State Water
9 Survey of the Prairie Research Institute of the University
10 of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, appointed by the
11 Governor;

12 (10) one member representing a statewide association
13 representing the pipe trades, appointed by the Governor;

14 (11) one member representing the State's largest
15 general farm organization, appointed by the Governor;

16 (12) one member representing a statewide trade
17 association representing manufacturers, appointed by the
18 Governor;

19 (13) one member representing a community health care
20 organization located over the Mahomet Aquifer, appointed
21 by the Governor; and

22 (14) seven members representing local government
23 bodies located over the Mahomet Aquifer, appointed by the
24 Governor.

25 Members shall be appointed within 90 days after the
26 effective date of this Act. The members of the Mahomet Aquifer

1 Protection Task Force shall serve without compensation.

2 Section 10. Administrative support. The Illinois
3 Environmental Protection Agency shall provide administrative
4 and other support to the Mahomet Aquifer Protection Task Force.

5 Section 15. Duties of Mahomet Aquifer Protection Task
6 Force. The Mahomet Aquifer Protection Task Force shall conduct
7 a study of the Mahomet Aquifer in furtherance of:

8 (1) developing a State plan to maintain the groundwater
9 quality of the Mahomet Aquifer;

10 (2) identifying potential and current contamination
11 threats to the water quality of the Mahomet Aquifer;

12 (3) identifying actions that might be taken to ensure
13 the long-term protection of the Mahomet Aquifer; and

14 (4) making legislative recommendations for future
15 protection of the Mahomet Aquifer.

16 Section 20. Report. On or before July 1, 2017, the Mahomet
17 Aquifer Protection Task Force shall report its findings and
18 recommendations to the General Assembly, by filing copies of
19 its report as provided in Section 3.1 of the General Assembly
20 Organization Act, and to the Governor.

21 Section 90. Expiration. This Act is repealed on October 1,
22 2017.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.