

1 AN ACT to amend the Kaskaskia River Watershed and Basin  
2 Act by changing Section 1.

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

5 Section 5. The Kaskaskia River Watershed and Basin Act  
6 is amended by changing Section 1 as follows:

7 (615 ILCS 75/1) (from Ch. 19, par. 41.1)

8 Sec. 1. The Department of Natural Resources may  
9 independently engage in, or may make agreements with any  
10 agency of the United States, any municipality or political  
11 subdivision of this State or any public or private  
12 corporation, person or association for, the formulation of  
13 plans, acquisition of rights of way, and the construction,  
14 operation and maintenance of any navigation, flood control,  
15 drainage, levee, water supply and water storage, including  
16 regulation, distribution and use, and other water resource  
17 improvements and facilities in connection with the  
18 development of the Kaskaskia River watershed, including  
19 restriction of use or withdrawal of water from the Kaskaskia  
20 River below Carlyle Dam or providing for replenishment of  
21 withdrawn water, provided however, the Department shall not  
22 charge for the use or withdrawal of water from the Kaskaskia  
23 River, except that the Department may recoup from water users  
24 an amount required to pay federal operation and maintenance  
25 charges incurred as a result of water withdrawal from Lake  
26 Shelbyville and Carlyle Lake.

27 The Department, on behalf of the State of Illinois as  
28 local sponsor for federally authorized and developed  
29 Kaskaskia River basin projects, shall have jurisdiction and  
30 supervision over any and all phases of developments and  
31 improvements in such basin, including, but not limited to

1 nonfederal participation requirements in connection  
2 therewith, and full authority and control over any and all  
3 lands acquired in connection with the development of the  
4 Kaskaskia River watershed and may, in the discretion of the  
5 Department, grant easements, lease for a period not to exceed  
6 50 years, sell, transfer or convey, exchange, develop, or  
7 otherwise utilize such lands in the interest of the State of  
8 Illinois insofar as the same is not inconsistent or in  
9 conflict with the purpose for which acquired by the  
10 Department.

11 (Source: P.A. 88-565, eff. 8-5-94; 89-445, eff. 2-7-96.)

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
13 becoming law.