

AN ACT concerning agriculture.

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

Section 5. The Agricultural Areas Conservation and
Protection Act is amended by changing Section 5 as follows:

(505 ILCS 5/5) (from Ch. 5, par. 1005)

Sec. 5. Agricultural Areas; Creation. Any owner or
owners of land may submit a proposal to the county board for
the creation of an agricultural area within such county. An
agricultural area, at the creation of any such area, shall
not be less than 350 acres in all counties with a population
under 600,000 and not less than 100 acres in all counties
with a population of 600,000 or more. Such proposal shall
include a description of the proposed area, including the
boundaries thereof. Such territory shall be as compact and
nearly contiguous as feasible. An area created under this Act
shall be established for a period of ten years. No land
shall be included in an agricultural area without the consent
of the owner. No land within an agricultural area shall be
used for other than agricultural production as described in
Sections 3.01 and 3.02 of this Act. Agreements for the
extraction of mineral resources duly agreed upon prior to the
creation of an agricultural area shall be exempted from the
use provisions of this Section. In addition, the extraction
of mineral resources conducted pursuant to The Surface Coal
Mining Land Conservation and Reclamation Act shall be
considered temporary land use and shall be exempted from the
use provisions of this Section.

(Source: P.A. 84-456.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

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