

**SB1989**



**100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2017 and 2018**

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Introduced 2/10/2017, by Sen. Don Harmon

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

520 ILCS 10/6

from Ch. 8, par. 336

Amends the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act. Provides that the Endangered Species Protection Board shall without regard to the Personnel Code, employ and fix the compensation of necessary staff. Provides that the Board shall employ an executive director to oversee operations of the Board. Provides that the Board is solely responsible for hiring, firing, and management of the executive director. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

**A BILL FOR**

1 AN ACT concerning wildlife.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act  
5 is amended by changing Section 6 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 10/6) (from Ch. 8, par. 336)

7 Sec. 6. There is created the Endangered Species Protection  
8 Board whose duties include listing, delisting, or change of  
9 listing status of species for the Illinois List, in  
10 consultation with and written approval by the Department, in  
11 accordance with the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, on  
12 rules for listing species of animals or plants as endangered or  
13 threatened and delisting species of animals or plants as  
14 endangered or threatened, or changing their status.

15 The Board shall also advise the Department on methods of  
16 assistance, protection, conservation and management of  
17 endangered and threatened species and their habitats, and on  
18 related matters.

19 The Board shall be composed of 9 persons appointed by the  
20 Governor, and the Director as a non-voting member. Of the 9  
21 appointed members at least 6 shall be persons who are  
22 recognized as naturalists by training, avocation or vocation.  
23 At least two of these shall be zoologists, at least one a

1 botanist, and at least two ecologists. In making Board  
2 appointments, the Governor shall give consideration to  
3 recommendations of conservation groups.

4 Initially, 3 members shall be appointed for terms of 3  
5 years, 3 for 2 years and 3 for 1 year. Thereafter, the terms of  
6 all appointive members shall be 3 years. Members shall serve  
7 until their successors are appointed. Any vacancy occurring in  
8 the position of an appointive member shall be filled by the  
9 Governor for the unexpired term.

10 Board meetings shall be called at regular intervals set by  
11 the Board, on the request of the Department, or upon written  
12 notice signed by at least 5 members of the Board, but in no  
13 event less than once quarterly. The place of the meeting shall  
14 be determined at the convenience of the Board and the  
15 Department. A quorum shall consist of 5 appointed members.

16 Members of the Board shall serve without compensation but  
17 shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the  
18 performance of their duties.

19 The Board shall ~~may~~ without regard to the Personnel Code,  
20 employ and fix the compensation of necessary staff. The Board  
21 shall employ an executive director to oversee operations of the  
22 Board. The Board is solely responsible for hiring, firing, and  
23 management of the executive director.

24 The Board shall select from its membership a chairman and  
25 such other officers as it considers necessary, and may name an  
26 Executive Committee to which it may grant specific powers.

1           The Board shall review and revise the Illinois List as  
2 warranted but in no case less frequently than every 5 years. It  
3 shall prepare and make available a report of its  
4 accomplishments biennially.

5           (Source: P.A. 84-1065.)

6           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
7 becoming law.