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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 824

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 824 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Soil and Water Conservation Districts Act  
5 is amended by changing Sections 6 and 22.03 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 405/6) (from Ch. 5, par. 111)

7 Sec. 6. Powers and duties. In addition to the powers and  
8 duties otherwise conferred upon the Department, it shall have  
9 the following powers and duties:

10 (1) To offer such assistance as may be appropriate to the  
11 directors of soil and water conservation districts, organized  
12 as provided hereinafter, in the carrying out of any of the  
13 powers and programs.

14 (2) To keep the directors of each of said several districts  
15 informed of the activities and experience of other such  
16 districts, and to facilitate an interchange of advice and

1 experience between such districts and cooperation between  
2 them.

3 (3) To coordinate the programs of the several districts so  
4 far as this may be done by advice and consultation.

5 (4) To seek the cooperation and assistance of the United  
6 States and of agencies of this State, in the work of such  
7 districts.

8 (5) To disseminate information throughout the State  
9 concerning the formation of such districts, and to assist in  
10 the formation of such districts in areas where their  
11 organization is desirable.

12 (6) To consider, review, and express its opinion concerning  
13 any rules, regulations, ordinances or other action of the board  
14 of directors of any district and to advise such board of  
15 directors accordingly.

16 (7) To prepare and submit to the Director of the Department  
17 an annual budget.

18 (8) To develop and coordinate a comprehensive State erosion  
19 and sediment control program, including guidelines to be used  
20 by districts in implementing this program. In developing this  
21 program, the Department may consult with and request technical  
22 assistance from local, State and federal agencies, and may  
23 consult and advise with technically qualified persons and with  
24 the soil and water conservation districts. The guidelines  
25 developed may be revised from time to time as necessary.

26 (9) To promote among its members the management of marginal

1 agricultural and other rural lands for forestry, consistent  
2 with the goals and purposes of the "Illinois Forestry  
3 Development Act".

4 Nothing in this Act shall authorize the Department or any  
5 district to regulate or control point source discharges to  
6 waters.

7 (10) To make grants subject to annual appropriation from  
8 ~~the~~ the Build Illinois Bond Fund or any other sources,  
9 including the federal government, to Soil and Water  
10 Conservation Districts and the Natural Resources Conservation  
11 Service. After a grant amount has been determined for a Soil  
12 and Water Conservation District or the Natural Resources  
13 Conservation Service, but not fully expended, that amount may,  
14 upon consultation with the Soil and Water Conservation District  
15 or the Natural Resources Conservation Council, be reduced by an  
16 amount less than the amount that remains unexpended, in order  
17 to make supplemental grants to a different Soil and Water  
18 Conservation District or to the Natural Resources Conservation  
19 Service ~~Soil Conservation Service.~~

20 (11) To provide payment for outstanding health care costs  
21 of Soil and Water Conservation District employees incurred  
22 between January 1, 1996 and December 31, 1996 that were  
23 eligible for reimbursement from the District's insurance  
24 carrier, Midcontinent Medical Benefit Trust, but have not been  
25 paid to date by Midcontinent. All claims shall be filed with  
26 the Department on or before January 30, 1998 to be considered

1 for payment under the provisions of this amendatory Act of  
2 1997. The Department shall approve or reject claims based upon  
3 documentation and in accordance with established procedures.  
4 The authority granted under this item (11) expires on September  
5 1, 1998.

6 Nothing in this Act shall authorize the Department in any  
7 district to regulate or curtail point source discharges to  
8 waters.

9 (Source: P.A. 94-91, eff. 7-1-05.)

10 (70 ILCS 405/22.03) (from Ch. 5, par. 127.3)

11 Sec. 22.03. Cooperation with other entities.

12 (a) To cooperate, or enter into agreements with, and within  
13 the limits of appropriations duly made available to it by law,  
14 to furnish financial or other aid to, any agency, governmental  
15 or otherwise, or any owner or occupier of lands within the  
16 district, in the carrying on of erosion-control and flood  
17 prevention operations within the district, subject to such  
18 conditions as the directors may deem necessary to advance the  
19 purposes of this Act.

20 (b) If property is located outside of the district but is  
21 administered within the district for the purpose of U.S.  
22 Department of Agriculture programs, then, for the purpose of  
23 this Section, that property is deemed to be within the  
24 district.

25 (Source: Laws 1955, p. 189.)"