

August 28, 2007

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois Senate
95th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 1201, entitled "AN ACT concerning local government." with the following specific recommendations for change:

on page 27, line 18 through 19, by replacing "create a Wastewater Committee with the responsibility of recommending directly" with "., in consultation with CMAP staff, recommend"; and

on page 28, line 2, after "Act.", by inserting "The Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency shall determine the adequacy of processes developed by CMAP for reviewing proposals pursuant to this Section and shall notify CMAP in writing of his or her findings."; and

on page 28, line 2 through page 29, line 19, by deleting "The Chairmanship of the Wastewater Committee shall rotate every 24 months between the individuals described in subsections (e)(2)(iv) and (e)(2)(v) with the individual identified in subsection (e)(2)(v) serving as chairman for the initial 24-month period commencing on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. (2) The Wastewater Committee shall consist of 5 members of the CMAP Board designated as follows: (i) One member of the Wastewater Committee shall be one of the CMAP Board members designated in subsection (c)(1) through (c)(5). (ii) One member of the Wastewater Committee shall be one of the CMAP Board members designated in subsection (c)(6). (iii) One member of the Wastewater Committee shall be one of the CMAP Board members designated in subsection (c)(7) or (c)(8). (iv) One member of the Wastewater Committee shall be a person appointed by the President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (and who does not need to serve on the CMAP Board). (v) One member of the Wastewater Committee shall be a person appointed by the President of the largest statewide association of wastewater agencies (and who does not need to serve on the CMAP Board). (3) Terms of the members of the Wastewater Committee shall be consistent with those identified in Section 25, except that the term of the member of the Wastewater Committee appointed by the President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago shall expire on July 1, 2009, and the term of the member of the Wastewater Committee appointed by the President of the largest statewide association of wastewater agencies shall expire on July 1, 2009. (f)

With the exception of matters considered and recommended by the Wastewater Committee directly to the IEPA, which shall require only a concurrence of a simple majority of the Wastewater Committee members in office, concurrence of four-fifths of the Board members in office is necessary for the Board to take any action, including remanding regional plans with comments to the CATS Policy Committee and NPG."

With these changes, Senate Bill 1201 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,

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Governor