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                      AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2883
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          AMENDMENT NO. . Amend Senate Bill 2883 on page 1,
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      line 5, by replacing "Section 845-5" with "Sections 801-40 and
      845-5"; and
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      on page 1, immediately below line 5, by inserting the
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      following:
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          "(20 ILCS 3501/801-40)
          Sec. 801-40. In addition to the powers otherwise authorized
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      by law and in addition to the foregoing general corporate
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      powers, the Authority shall also have the following additional
      specific powers to be exercised in furtherance of the purposes
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      of this Act.
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          (a) The Authority shall have power (i) to accept grants,
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      loans or appropriations from the federal government or the
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      State, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, to be used for
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the operating expenses of the Authority, or for any purposes of

- the Authority, including the making of direct loans of such funds with respect to projects, and (ii) to enter into any agreement with the federal government or the State, or any agency or instrumentality thereof in relationship to such
- 4 agency or instrumentality thereof, in relationship to such
- 5 grants, loans or appropriations.

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- (b) The Authority shall have power to procure and enter into contracts for any type of insurance and indemnity agreements covering loss or damage to property from any cause, including loss of use and occupancy, or covering any other insurable risk.
- (c) The Authority shall have the continuing power to issue bonds for its corporate purposes. Bonds may be issued by the Authority in one or more series and may provide for the payment of any interest deemed necessary on such bonds, of the costs of issuance of such bonds, of any premium on any insurance, or of the cost of any quarantees, letters of credit or other similar documents, may provide for the funding of the reserves deemed necessary in connection with such bonds, and may provide for the refunding or advance refunding of any bonds or for accounts deemed necessary in connection with any purpose of the Authority. The bonds may bear interest payable at any time or times and at any rate or rates, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and such rate or rates may be established by an index or formula which may be implemented or established by persons appointed or retained therefor by the Authority, or may bear no interest or may bear interest payable

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at maturity or upon redemption prior to maturity, may bear such date or dates, may be payable at such time or times and at such place or places, may mature at any time or times not later than 40 years from the date of issuance, may be sold at public or private sale at such time or times and at such price or prices, may be secured by such pledges, reserves, quarantees, letters of credit, insurance contracts or other similar credit support or liquidity instruments, may be executed in such manner, may be subject to redemption prior to maturity, may provide for the registration of the bonds, and may be subject to such other terms and conditions all as may be provided by the resolution or indenture authorizing the issuance of such bonds. The holder or holders of any bonds issued by the Authority may bring suits at law or proceedings in equity to compel the performance and observance by any person or by the Authority or any of its agents or employees of any contract or covenant made with the holders of such bonds and to compel such person or the Authority and any of its agents or employees to perform any duties required to be performed for the benefit of the holders of any such bonds by the provision of the resolution authorizing their issuance, and to enjoin such person or the Authority and any of its agents or employees from taking any action in conflict with any such contract or covenant. Notwithstanding the form and tenor of any such bonds and in the absence of any express recital on the face thereof that it is non-negotiable, all such bonds shall be negotiable

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instruments. Pending the preparation and execution of any such bonds, temporary bonds may be issued as provided by the resolution. The bonds shall be sold by the Authority in such manner as it shall determine. The bonds may be secured as provided in the authorizing resolution by the receipts, revenues, income and other available funds of the Authority and by any amounts derived by the Authority from the loan agreement or lease agreement with respect to the project or projects; and bonds may be issued as general obligations of the Authority payable from such revenues, funds and obligations of the Authority as the bond resolution shall provide, or may be issued as limited obligations with a claim for payment solely from such revenues, funds and obligations as the bond resolution shall provide. The Authority may grant a specific pledge or assignment of and lien on or security interest in such rights, revenues, income, or amounts and may grant a specific pledge or assignment of and lien on or security interest in any reserves, funds or accounts established in the resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds. Any such pledge, assignment, lien or security interest for the benefit of the holders of the Authority's bonds shall be valid and binding from the time the bonds are issued without any physical delivery or further act, and shall be valid and binding as against and prior to the claims of all other parties having claims against the Authority or any other person irrespective of whether the other parties have notice of the pledge,

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assignment, lien or security interest. As evidence of such pledge, assignment, lien and security interest, the Authority may execute and deliver a mortgage, trust agreement, indenture or security agreement or an assignment thereof. A remedy for any breach or default of the terms of any such agreement by the Authority may be by mandamus proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction to compel the performance compliance therewith, but the agreement may prescribe by whom or on whose behalf such action may be instituted. It is expressly understood that the Authority may, but need not, acquire title to any project with respect to which it exercises its authority.

- (d) With respect to the powers granted by this Act, the Authority may adopt rules and regulations prescribing the procedures by which persons may apply for assistance under this Act. Nothing herein shall be deemed to preclude the Authority, prior to the filing of any formal application, from conducting preliminary discussions and investigations with respect to the subject matter of any prospective application.
- (e) The Authority shall have power to acquire by purchase, lease, gift or otherwise any property or rights therein from any person useful for its purposes, whether improved for the purposes of any prospective project, or unimproved. The Authority may also accept any donation of funds for its purposes from any such source. The Authority shall have no independent power of condemnation but may acquire any property

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- or rights therein obtained upon condemnation by any other authority, governmental entity or unit of local government with such power.
 - (f) The Authority shall have power to develop, construct and improve either under its own direction, or through collaboration with any approved applicant, or to acquire through purchase or otherwise, any project, using for such purpose the proceeds derived from the sale of its bonds or from governmental loans or grants, and to hold title in the name of the Authority to such projects.
 - (q) The Authority shall have power to lease pursuant to a lease agreement any project so developed and constructed or acquired to the approved tenant on such terms and conditions as may be appropriate to further the purposes of this Act and to maintain the credit of the Authority. Any such lease may provide for either the Authority or the approved tenant to initially, in whole or in part, the costs assume maintenance, repair and improvements during the leasehold period. In no case, however, shall the total rentals from any project during any initial leasehold period or the total loan repayments to be made pursuant to any loan agreement, be less than an amount necessary to return over such lease or loan all costs incurred in connection with the period (1)development, construction, acquisition or improvement of the project and for repair, maintenance and improvements thereto during the period of the lease or loan; provided, however, that

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the rentals or loan repayments need not include costs met through the use of funds other than those obtained by the Authority through the issuance of its bonds or governmental loans; (2) a reasonable percentage additive to be agreed upon by the Authority and the borrower or tenant to cover a properly allocable portion of the Authority's general including, but not limited to, administrative expenses, salaries and general insurance, and (3) an amount sufficient to pay when due all principal of, interest and premium, if any on, any bonds issued by the Authority with respect to the project. The portion of total rentals payable under clause (3) of this subsection (q) shall be deposited in such special accounts, including all sinking funds, acquisition or construction funds, debt service and other funds as provided by any resolution, mortgage or trust agreement of the Authority pursuant to which any bond is issued.

(h) The Authority has the power, upon the termination of any leasehold period of any project, to sell or lease for a further term or terms such project on such terms and conditions as the Authority shall deem reasonable and consistent with the purposes of the Act. The net proceeds from all such sales and the revenues or income from such leases shall be used to satisfy any indebtedness of the Authority with respect to such project and any balance may be used to pay any expenses of the Authority or be used for the further development, construction, acquisition or improvement of projects. In the event any

- project is vacated by a tenant prior to the termination of the initial leasehold period, the Authority shall sell or lease the facilities of the project on the most advantageous terms available. The net proceeds of any such disposition shall be treated in the same manner as the proceeds from sales or the revenues or income from leases subsequent to the termination of any initial leasehold period.
 - (i) The Authority shall have the power to make loans to persons to finance a project, to enter into loan agreements with respect thereto, and to accept guarantees from persons of its loans or the resultant evidences of obligations of the Authority.
 - (j) The Authority may fix, determine, charge and collect any premiums, fees, charges, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, any application fees, commitment fees, program fees, financing charges or publication fees from any person in connection with its activities under this Act.
 - (k) In addition to the funds established as provided herein, the Authority shall have the power to create and establish such reserve funds and accounts as may be necessary or desirable to accomplish its purposes under this Act and to deposit its available monies into the funds and accounts.
 - (1) At the request of the governing body of any unit of local government, the Authority is authorized to market such local government's revenue bond offerings by preparing bond issues for sale, advertising for sealed bids, receiving bids at

its offices, making the award to the bidder that offers the most favorable terms or arranging for negotiated placements or underwritings of such securities. The Authority may, at its discretion, offer for concurrent sale the revenue bonds of several local governments. Sales by the Authority of revenue bonds under this Section shall in no way imply State guarantee of such debt issue. The Authority may require such financial information from participating local governments as it deems necessary in order to carry out the purposes of this subsection (1).

- (m) The Authority may make grants to any county to which Division 5-37 of the Counties Code is applicable to assist in the financing of capital development, construction and renovation of new or existing facilities for hospitals and health care facilities under that Act. Such grants may only be made from funds appropriated for such purposes from the Build Illinois Bond Fund.
- (n) The Authority may establish an urban development action grant program for the purpose of assisting municipalities in Illinois which are experiencing severe economic distress to help stimulate economic development activities needed to aid in economic recovery. The Authority shall determine the types of activities and projects for which the urban development action grants may be used, provided that such projects and activities are broadly defined to include all reasonable projects and activities the primary objectives of which are the development

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of viable urban communities, including decent housing and a living environment, and expansion of economic opportunity, principally for persons of low and moderate incomes. The Authority shall enter into grant agreements from monies appropriated for such purposes from the Build Illinois Bond Fund. The Authority shall monitor the use of the grants, and shall provide for audits of the funds as well as recovery by the Authority of any funds determined to have been spent in violation of this subsection (n) or any rule or regulation promulgated hereunder. The Authority shall provide technical assistance with regard to the effective use of the urban development action grants. The Authority shall file an annual report to the General Assembly concerning the progress of the grant program.

(o) The Authority may establish a Housing Partnership Program whereby the Authority provides zero-interest loans to municipalities for the purpose of assisting in the financing of projects for the rehabilitation of affordable multi-family housing for low and moderate income residents. The Authority may provide such loans only upon a municipality's providing evidence that it has obtained private funding for the rehabilitation project. The Authority shall provide 3 State dollars for every 7 dollars obtained by the municipality from sources other than the State of Illinois. The loans shall be made from monies appropriated for such purpose from the Build Illinois Bond Fund. The total amount of loans available under

- 1 the Housing Partnership Program shall not exceed \$30,000,000.
- 2 State loan monies under this subsection shall be used only for
- the acquisition and rehabilitation of existing buildings 3
- containing 4 or more dwelling units. The terms of any loan made 4
- 5 by the municipality under this subsection shall require
- 6 repayment of the loan to the municipality upon any sale or
- other transfer of the project. 7

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- 8 (p) The Authority may award grants to universities and 9 research institutions, research consortiums and 10 not-for-profit entities for the purposes of: remodeling or 11 otherwise physically altering existing laboratory or research facilities, expansion or physical additions to existing 12 laboratory or research facilities, construction of 13 laboratory or research facilities or acquisition of modern 14 15 support laboratory or research operations equipment to 16 provided that such grants (i) be used solely in support of project and equipment acquisitions which enhance technology 17 transfer, and (ii) not constitute more than 60 percent of the 18 19 total project or acquisition cost.
 - (q) Grants may be awarded by the Authority to units of local government for the purpose of developing the appropriate infrastructure or defraying other costs to the local government in support of laboratory or research facilities provided that such grants may not exceed 40% of the cost to the unit of local government.
 - (r) The Authority may establish a Direct Loan Program to

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make loans to individuals, partnerships or corporations for the purpose of an industrial project, as defined in Section 801-10 of this Act. For the purposes of such program and not by way of limitation on any other program of the Authority, the Authority shall have the power to issue bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness including commercial paper for purposes of providing a fund of capital from which it may make such loans. The Authority shall have the power to use any appropriations from the State made especially for the Authority's Direct Loan Program for additional capital to make such loans or for the purposes of reserve funds or pledged funds which secure the Authority's obligations of repayment of any bond, note or other form of indebtedness established for the purpose of providing capital for which it intends to make such loans under the Direct Loan Program. For the purpose of obtaining such capital, the Authority may also enter into agreements with financial institutions and other persons for the purpose of selling loans and developing a secondary market for such loans. Loans made under the Direct Loan Program may be in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 and shall be made for a portion of an industrial project which does not exceed 50% of the total project. No loan may be made by the Authority unless approved by the affirmative vote of at least 8 members of the board. The Authority shall establish procedures and publish rules which shall provide for the submission, review, and analysis of each direct loan application and which shall preserve the ability of each board

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member to reach an individual business judgment regarding the propriety of making each direct loan. The collective discretion of the board to approve or disapprove each loan shall be unencumbered. The Authority may establish and collect such fees and charges, determine and enforce such terms and conditions, and charge such interest rates as it determines to be necessary and appropriate to the successful administration of the Direct Loan Program. The Authority may require such interests in collateral and such guarantees as it determines are necessary to project the Authority's interest in the repayment of the principal and interest of each loan made under the Direct Loan Program.

- (s) The Authority may guarantee private loans to third parties up to a specified dollar amount in order to promote economic development in this State.
- (t) The Authority may adopt rules and regulations as may be necessary or advisable to implement the powers conferred by this Act.
- (u) The Authority shall have the power to issue bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, which may be used to make loans to units of local government which are authorized to enter into loan agreements and other documents and to issue bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness for the purpose of financing the protection of storm sewer outfalls, the construction of adequate storm sewer outfalls, and the provision for flood protection of sanitary sewage treatment

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- in counties that have established a 1 plans, stormwater management planning committee in accordance with Section 2 5-1062 of the Counties Code. Any such loan shall be made by the 3 4 Authority pursuant to the provisions of Section 820-5 to 820-60 5 of this Act. The unit of local government shall pay back to the 6 Authority the principal amount of the loan, plus annual interest as determined by the Authority. The Authority shall 7 have the power, subject to appropriations by the General 8 Assembly, to subsidize or buy down a portion of the interest on 9 10 such loans, up to 4% per annum.
- 11 (v) The Authority may accept security interests as provided in Sections 11-3 and 11-3.3 of the Illinois Public Aid Code. 12
 - (w) Moral Obligation. In the event that the Authority determines that monies of the Authority will not be sufficient for the payment of the principal of and interest on its bonds during the next State fiscal year, the Chairperson, as soon as practicable, shall certify to the Governor the amount required by the Authority to enable it to pay such principal of and interest on the bonds. The Governor shall submit the amount so certified to the General Assembly as soon as practicable, but no later than the end of the current State fiscal year. This subsection shall apply only to any bonds or notes as to which the Authority shall have determined, in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or notes, that this subsection shall apply. Whenever the Authority makes such a determination, that fact shall be plainly stated on the face of

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the bonds or notes and that fact shall also be reported to the Governor. In the event of a withdrawal of moneys from a reserve fund established with respect to any issue or issues of bonds of the Authority to pay principal or interest on those bonds, the Chairperson of the Authority, as soon as practicable, shall certify to the Governor the amount required to restore the reserve fund to the level required in the resolution or indenture securing those bonds. The Governor shall submit the amount so certified to the General Assembly as soon as practicable, but no later than the end of the current State fiscal year. The Authority shall obtain written approval from the Governor for any bonds and notes to be issued under this Section. In addition to any other bonds authorized to be issued under Sections 825-60, 825-65(e), 830-25 and 845-5, the principal amount of Authority bonds outstanding issued under this Section 801-40(w) or under 20 ILCS 3850/1-80 or 30 ILCS 360/2-6(c), which have been assumed by the Authority, shall not exceed \$150,000,000. This subsection (w) shall in no way be applied to any bonds issued by the Authority on behalf of the Illinois Power Agency under Section 825-90 of this Act.

With respect to bonds that have not been approved in writing by the Governor prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, prior to any submission to the Gover<u>nor for approval of bonds to be issued</u> under this subsection, the board of the Authority shall review the project to be financed and vote upon its recommendation for

1 approval by the Governor. Any submission to the Governor shall include a representation by the board of the Authority that 2 3 sufficient collateral and security for the bonds, including but 4 not limited to mortgages, letters of credit, and personal 5 quarantees, will be obtained prior to issuance of the bonds. 6 Prior to any approval by the Governor of bonds issued pursuant to this subsection, the Authority shall provide the Governor 7 with a financial feasibility study on the project to be 8 financed. This study shall be prepared by an independent 9 10 accounting firm whose fee for preparing the study is not 11 contingent upon the issuance of the bonds. The study shall 12 assess whether the revenue projected to repay the bonds is likely to be generated as projected and will be sufficient to 13 14 repay the bonds for the projected term of the bonds. Also prior 15 to any approval by the Governor of bonds issued pursuant to 16 this subsection, the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability shall prepare a report on the project to be 17 financed with its assessment on whether the revenue projected 18 19 to repay the bonds is likely to be generated as projected and will be sufficient to repay the bonds for the projected term of 20 21 the bonds. The Authority shall supply the Commission with all 22 information requested by the Commission relating to the report. 23 The Commission's report shall be submitted to the Governor, the 24 Authority, and the leaders of the General Assembly. The 25 Governor shall not approve any bonds to be issued under this 26 subsection until at least 30 days following his receipt of the

Commission's report.

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- 2 (x) The Authority may enter into agreements or contracts 3 with any person necessary or appropriate to place the payment 4 obligations of the Authority under any of its bonds in whole or 5 in part on any interest rate basis, cash flow basis, or other 6 basis desired by the Authority, including without limitation agreements or contracts commonly known as "interest rate swap 7 8 agreements", "forward payment conversion agreements", and "futures", or agreements or contracts to exchange cash flows or 9 10 a series of payments, or agreements or contracts, including 11 without limitation agreements or contracts commonly known as "options", "puts", or "calls", to hedge payment, rate spread, 12 13 or similar exposure; provided that any such agreement or contract shall not constitute an obligation for borrowed money 14 15 and shall not be taken into account under Section 845-5 of this 16 Act or any other debt limit of the Authority or the State of 17 Illinois.
- (Source: P.A. 94-91, eff. 7-1-05; 95-470, eff. 8-27-07; 95-481, 18
- eff. 8-28-07; revised 10-30-07.)"; and 19
- on page 1, immediately below line 21, by inserting the 20
- 21 following:
- 22 "Section 10. The Southwestern Illinois Development
- 23 Authority Act is amended by changing Section 7 as follows:

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1 (70 ILCS 520/7) (from Ch. 85, par. 6157)

Sec. 7. (a) The Authority, with the written approval of the Governor, shall have the continuing power to issue bonds. notes, or other evidences of indebtedness for the purpose of developing, constructing, acquiring or improving projects, including without limitation those established by business entities locating or expanding property within the territorial jurisdiction of the Authority, for entering into venture capital agreements with businesses locating or expanding within the territorial jurisdiction of the Authority, for acquiring and improving any property necessary and useful in connection therewith, for the purposes of the Ownership Assistance Act, and any local government projects. With respect to any local government project, the Authority is authorized to purchase from time to time pursuant to negotiated sale or to otherwise acquire from time to time any local government security upon terms and conditions as the Authority may prescribe in connection therewith. For the purpose of evidencing the obligations of the Authority to repay any money borrowed for any project, the Authority may, pursuant to resolution, from time to time issue and dispose of its interest bearing revenue bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness and may also from time to time issue and dispose of such bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness to refund, maturity, at a redemption date or in advance of either, any bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness pursuant to

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redemption provisions or at any time before maturity. All such bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness shall be payable solely and only from the revenues or income to be derived from loans made with respect to projects, from the leasing or sale of the projects or from any other funds available to the Authority for such purposes. The bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness may bear such date or dates, may mature at such time or times not exceeding 40 years from their respective dates, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary may bear interest at such rate or rates payable annually, semi-annually, quarterly or monthly, may be in such form, may carry such registration privileges, may be executed in such manner, may be payable at such place or places, may be made subject to redemption in such manner and upon such terms, with or without premium as is stated on the face thereof, may be authenticated in such manner and may contain such terms and covenants as may be provided by an applicable resolution.

(b) (1) The holder or holders of any bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued by the Authority may bring suits at law or proceedings in equity to compel the performance and observance by any corporation or person or by the Authority or any of its agents or employees of any contract or covenant made with the holders of such bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, to compel such corporation, person, the Authority and any of its agents or employees to perform any duties required to be performed

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for the benefit of the holders of any such bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness by the provision of the resolution authorizing their issuance and to enjoin such corporation, person, the Authority and any of its agents or employees from taking any action in conflict with any such contract or covenant.

- (2) If the Authority fails to pay the principal of or interest on any of the bonds or premium, if any, as the same become due, a civil action to compel payment may be instituted in the appropriate circuit court by the holder or holders of the bonds on which such default of payment exists or by an indenture trustee acting on behalf of such holders. Delivery of a summons and a copy of the complaint to the Chairman of the Board shall constitute sufficient service to give the circuit court jurisdiction of the subject matter of such a suit and jurisdiction over the Authority and its officers named as defendants for the purpose of compelling such payment. Any case, controversy or cause of action concerning the validity of this Act relates to the revenue of the State of Illinois.
- (c) Notwithstanding the form and tenor of any such bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness and in the absence of face thereof that any express recital on the it non-negotiable, all such bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness shall be negotiable instruments. Pending the preparation and execution of any such bonds, notes or other

evidences of indebtedness, temporary bonds, notes or evidences of indebtedness may be issued as provided by ordinance.

- (d) To secure the payment of any or all of such bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, the revenues to be received by the Authority from a lease agreement or loan agreement shall be pledged, and, for the purpose of setting forth the covenants and undertakings of the Authority in connection with the issuance thereof and the issuance of any additional bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness payable from such revenues, income or other funds to be derived from projects, the Authority may execute and deliver a mortgage or trust agreement. A remedy for any breach or default of the terms of any such mortgage or trust agreement by the Authority may be by mandamus proceedings in the appropriate circuit court to compel the performance and compliance therewith, but the trust agreement may prescribe by whom or on whose behalf such action may be instituted.
- (e) Such bonds or notes shall be secured as provided in the authorizing ordinance which may, notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, include in addition to any other security a specific pledge or assignment of and lien on or security interest in any or all revenues or money of the Authority from whatever source which may by law be used for debt service purposes and a specific pledge or assignment of and lien on or security interest in any funds or accounts established or provided for by ordinance of the Authority

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1 authorizing the issuance of such bonds or notes and, with respect to any local government project, may include without 2 limitation a pledge of any local government securities, 3

(f) In the event that the Authority determines that monies of the Authority will not be sufficient for the payment of the principal of and interest on its bonds during the next State fiscal year, the Chairman, as soon as practicable, shall certify to the Governor the amount required by the Authority to enable it to pay such principal of and interest on the bonds. The Governor shall submit the amount so certified to the General Assembly as soon as practicable, but no later than the end of the current State fiscal year. This subsection shall not apply to any bonds or notes as to which the Authority shall have determined, in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or notes, that this subsection shall not apply. Whenever the Authority makes such a determination, that fact shall be plainly stated on the face of the bonds or notes, and that fact shall also be reported to the Governor.

In the event of a withdrawal of moneys from a reserve fund established with respect to any issue or issues of bonds of the Authority to pay principal or interest on those bonds, the Chairman of the Authority, as soon as practicable, shall certify to the Governor the amount required to restore the reserve fund to the level required in the resolution or indenture securing those bonds. The Governor shall submit the 1 amount so certified to the General Assembly as soon as

practicable, but no later than the end of the current State

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With respect to bonds that have not been approved in writing by the Governor prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, prior to any submission to the Governor for approval of bonds to be issued under this subsection, the board of the Authority shall review the project to be financed and vote upon its recommendation for approval by the Governor. Any submission to the Governor shall include a representation by the board of the Authority that sufficient collateral and security for the bonds, including but not limited to mortgages, letters of credit, and personal quarantees, will be obtained prior to issuance of the bonds. Prior to any approval by the Governor of bonds issued pursuant to this subsection, the Authority shall provide the Governor with a financial feasibility study on the project to be financed. This study shall be prepared by an independent accounting firm whose fee for preparing the study is not contingent upon the issuance of the bonds. The study shall assess whether the revenue projected to repay the bonds is likely to be generated as projected and will be sufficient to repay the bonds for the projected term of the bonds. Also prior to any approval by the Governor of bonds issued pursuant to this subsection, the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability shall prepare a report on the project to be

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financed with its assessment on whether the revenue projected to repay the bonds is likely to be generated as projected and will be sufficient to repay the bonds for the projected term of the bonds. The Authority shall supply the Commission with all information requested by the Commission relating to the report. The Commission's report shall be submitted to the Governor, the Authority, and the leaders of the General Assembly. The Governor shall not approve any bonds to be issued under this subsection until at least 30 days following his receipt of the Commission's report.

(g) The State of Illinois pledges to and agrees with the holders of the bonds and notes of the Authority issued pursuant to this Section that the State will not limit or alter the rights and powers vested in the Authority by this Act so as to impair the terms of any contract made by the Authority with such holders or in any way impair the rights and remedies of such holders until such bonds and notes, together with interest thereon, with interest on any unpaid installments of interest, and all costs and expenses in connection with any action or proceedings by or on behalf of such holders, are fully met and discharged. In addition, the State pledges to and agrees with the holders of the bonds and notes of the Authority issued pursuant to this Section that the State will not limit or alter the basis on which State funds are to be paid to the Authority as provided in this Act, or the use of such funds, so as to impair the terms of any such contract. The Authority is

- 1 authorized to include these pledges and agreements of the State
- 2 in any contract with the holders of bonds or notes issued under
- this Section. 3
- 4 (Source: P.A. 86-1455; 87-778.)
- 5 Section 15. The Upper Illinois River Valley Development
- Authority Act is amended by changing Section 7 as follows: 6
- 7 (70 ILCS 530/7) (from Ch. 85, par. 7157)
- 8 Sec. 7. Bonds.

(a) The Authority, with the written approval of the 9 Governor, shall have the continuing power to issue bonds, 10 11 notes, or other evidences of indebtedness in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$250,000,000 for the purpose 12 13 developing, constructing, acquiring or improving projects, 14 including those established by business entities locating or expanding property within the territorial jurisdiction of the 15 Authority, for entering into venture capital agreements with 16 17 businesses locating or expanding within the territorial 18 jurisdiction of the Authority, for acquiring and improving any 19 property necessary and useful in connection therewith and for 20 the purposes of the Employee Ownership Assistance Act. For the 21 purpose of evidencing the obligations of the Authority to repay 22 any money borrowed, the Authority may, pursuant to resolution, 23 from time to time issue and dispose of its interest bearing

revenue bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness and may

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also from time to time issue and dispose of such bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness to refund, at maturity, at a redemption date or in advance of either, any bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness pursuant to redemption provisions or at any time before maturity. All such bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness shall be payable solely and only from the revenues or income to be derived from loans made with respect to projects, from the leasing or sale of the projects or from any other funds available to the Authority for such purposes. The bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness may bear such date or dates, may mature at such time or times not exceeding 40 years from their respective dates, may bear interest at such rate or rates not exceeding the maximum rate permitted by "An Act to authorize public corporations to issue bonds, other evidences of indebtedness and tax anticipation warrants subject to interest rate limitations set forth therein", approved May 26, 1970, as amended, may be in such form, may carry such registration privileges, may be executed in such manner, may be payable at such place or places, may be made subject to redemption in such manner and upon such terms, with or without premium as is stated on the face thereof, may be authenticated in such manner and may contain such terms and covenants as may be provided by an applicable resolution.

(b-1) The holder or holders of any bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued by the Authority may bring

suits at law or proceedings in equity to compel the performance and observance by any corporation or person or by the Authority or any of its agents or employees of any contract or covenant made with the holders of such bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, to compel such corporation, person, the Authority and any of its agents or employees to perform any duties required to be performed for the benefit of the holders of any such bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness by the provision of the resolution authorizing their issuance and to enjoin such corporation, person, the Authority and any of its agents or employees from taking any action in conflict with any such contract or covenant.

(b-2) If the Authority fails to pay the principal of or interest on any of the bonds or premium, if any, as the same become due, a civil action to compel payment may be instituted in the appropriate circuit court by the holder or holders of the bonds on which such default of payment exists or by an indenture trustee acting on behalf of such holders. Delivery of a summons and a copy of the complaint to the Chairman of the Board shall constitute sufficient service to give the circuit court jurisdiction of the subject matter of such a suit and jurisdiction over the Authority and its officers named as defendants for the purpose of compelling such payment. Any case, controversy or cause of action concerning the validity of this Act relates to the revenue of the State of Illinois.

(c) Notwithstanding the form and tenor of any such bonds,

notes or other evidences of indebtedness and in the absence of any express recital on the face thereof that it is non-negotiable, all such bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness shall be negotiable instruments. Pending the preparation and execution of any such bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, temporary bonds, notes or evidences of indebtedness may be issued as provided by ordinance.

- (d) To secure the payment of any or all of such bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, the revenues to be received by the Authority from a lease agreement or loan agreement shall be pledged, and, for the purpose of setting forth the covenants and undertakings of the Authority in connection with the issuance thereof and the issuance of any additional bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness payable from such revenues, income or other funds to be derived from projects, the Authority may execute and deliver a mortgage or trust agreement. A remedy for any breach or default of the terms of any such mortgage or trust agreement by the Authority may be by mandamus proceedings in the appropriate circuit court to compel the performance and compliance therewith, but the trust agreement may prescribe by whom or on whose behalf such action may be instituted.
- (e) Such bonds or notes shall be secured as provided in the authorizing ordinance which may, notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, include in addition to any other security a specific pledge or assignment of and lien on or

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security interest in any or all revenues or money of the Authority from whatever source which may by law be used for debt service purposes and a specific pledge or assignment of and lien on or security interest in any funds or accounts established or provided for by ordinance of the Authority authorizing the issuance of such bonds or notes.

(f) In the event that the Authority determines that monies of the Authority will not be sufficient for the payment of the principal of and interest on its bonds during the next State fiscal year, the Chairman, as soon as practicable, shall certify to the Governor the amount required by the Authority to enable it to pay such principal of and interest on the bonds. The Governor shall submit the amount so certified to the General Assembly as soon as practicable, but no later than the end of the current State fiscal year. This Section shall not apply to any bonds or notes as to which the Authority shall have determined, in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or notes, that this Section shall not apply. Whenever the Authority makes such a determination, that fact shall be plainly stated on the face of the bonds or notes and that fact shall also be reported to the Governor.

In the event of a withdrawal of moneys from a reserve fund established with respect to any issue or issues of bonds of the Authority to pay principal or interest on those bonds, the Chairman of the Authority, as soon as practicable, shall certify to the Governor the amount required to restore the

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1 reserve fund to the level required in the resolution or indenture securing those bonds. The Governor shall submit the 2 amount so certified to the General Assembly as soon as 3 practicable, but no later than the end of the current State 4 5 fiscal year.

With respect to bonds that have not been approved in writing by the Governor prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, prior to any submission to the Governor for approval of bonds to be issued under this subsection, the board of the Authority shall review the project to be financed and vote upon its recommendation for approval by the Governor. Any submission to the Governor shall include a representation by the board of the Authority that sufficient collateral and security for the bonds, including but not limited to mortgages, letters of credit, and personal quarantees, will be obtained prior to issuance of the bonds. Prior to any approval by the Governor of bonds issued pursuant to this subsection, the Authority shall provide the Governor with a financial feasibility study on the project to be financed. This study shall be prepared by an independent accounting firm whose fee for preparing the study is not contingent upon the issuance of the bonds. The study shall assess whether the revenue projected to repay the bonds is likely to be generated as projected and will be sufficient to repay the bonds for the projected term of the bonds. Also prior to any approval by the Governor of bonds issued pursuant to

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this subsection, the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability shall prepare a report on the project to be financed with its assessment on whether the revenue projected to repay the bonds is likely to be generated as projected and will be sufficient to repay the bonds for the projected term of the bonds. The Authority shall supply the Commission with all information requested by the Commission relating to the report. The Commission's report shall be submitted to the Governor, the Authority, and the leaders of the General Assembly. The Governor shall not approve any bonds to be issued under this subsection until at least 30 days following his receipt of the Commission's report.

(g) The State of Illinois pledges to and agrees with the holders of the bonds and notes of the Authority issued pursuant to this Section that the State will not limit or alter the rights and powers vested in the Authority by this Act so as to impair the terms of any contract made by the Authority with such holders or in any way impair the rights and remedies of such holders until such bonds and notes, together with interest thereon, with interest on any unpaid installments of interest, and all costs and expenses in connection with any action or proceedings by or on behalf of such holders, are fully met and discharged. In addition, the State pledges to and agrees with the holders of the bonds and notes of the Authority issued pursuant to this Section that the State will not limit or alter the basis on which State funds are to be paid to the Authority

- 1 as provided in this Act, or the use of such funds, so as to 2 impair the terms of any such contract. The Authority is authorized to include these pledges and agreements of the State 3 4 in any contract with the holders of bonds or notes issued
- 5 pursuant to this Section.
- 6 (h) Not less than 30 days prior to the commitment to issue bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness for the 7 purpose of developing, constructing, acquiring or improving 8 9 housing or residential projects, as defined in Section 3, the 10 Authority shall provide notice to the Executive Director of the 11 Illinois Housing Development Authority. Within 30 days after notice is provided, the Illinois Housing Development Authority 12 13 shall either in writing express interest in financing the project or notify the Authority that it is not interested in 14 15 providing such financing and the Authority may finance the 16 project or seek alternative financing.
- (Source: P.A. 91-905, eff. 7-7-00.)". 17