



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB0147

Introduced 1/14/2009, by Rep. David Reis

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 655/4

from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 604

Amends the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act. Provides that an area is separately qualified to become an enterprise zone if that area: (i) is located, wholly or partially, within a county that has a population that, according to the most-recent decennial census, is less than the population of the county according to the decennial census that occurred 40 years prior to the most recent decennial census; and (ii) satisfies any additional criteria established by rule of the Department consistent with the purposes of this Act. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Enterprise Zone Act is amended by
5 changing Section 4 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 655/4) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 604)

7 Sec. 4. Qualifications for Enterprise Zones.

8 (1) Except as provided in subsection (1.5), an ~~An~~ area is
9 qualified to become an enterprise zone which:

10 (a) is a contiguous area, provided that a zone area may
11 exclude wholly surrounded territory within its boundaries;

12 (b) comprises a minimum of one-half square mile and not
13 more than 12 square miles, or 15 square miles if the zone
14 is located within the jurisdiction of 4 or more counties or
15 municipalities, in total area, exclusive of lakes and
16 waterways; however, in such cases where the enterprise zone
17 is a joint effort of three or more units of government, or
18 two or more units of government if situated in a township
19 which is divided by a municipality of 1,000,000 or more
20 inhabitants, and where the certification has been in effect
21 at least one year, the total area shall comprise a minimum
22 of one-half square mile and not more than thirteen square
23 miles in total area exclusive of lakes and waterways;

1 (c) is a depressed area;

2 (d) satisfies any additional criteria established by
3 regulation of the Department consistent with the purposes
4 of this Act; and

5 (e) is (1) entirely within a municipality or (2)
6 entirely within the unincorporated areas of a county,
7 except where reasonable need is established for such zone
8 to cover portions of more than one municipality or county
9 or (3) both comprises (i) all or part of a municipality and
10 (ii) an unincorporated area of a county.

11 (1.5) An area is separately qualified to become an
12 enterprise zone if that area: (i) is located, wholly or
13 partially, within a county that has a population that,
14 according to the most-recent decennial census, is less than the
15 population of the county according to the decennial census that
16 occurred 40 years prior to the most recent decennial census;
17 and (ii) satisfies any additional criteria established by rule
18 of the Department consistent with the purposes of this Act.

19 (2) Any criteria established by the Department or by law
20 which utilize the rate of unemployment for a particular area
21 shall provide that all persons who are not presently employed
22 and have exhausted all unemployment benefits shall be
23 considered unemployed, whether or not such persons are actively
24 seeking employment.

25 (Source: P.A. 86-803.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.