

1 AN ACT concerning 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. (1) An area is
8 qualified to become an enterprise zone which:

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

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

23 (c) is a depressed area;

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

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

10 (2) Any criteria established by the Department or by law
11 which utilize the rate of unemployment for a particular area
12 shall provide that all persons who are not presently employed
13 and have exhausted all unemployment benefits shall be
14 considered unemployed, whether or not such persons are actively
15 seeking employment.

16 (3) If an enterprise zone is established prior to the
17 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General
18 Assembly and is initially designated as meeting the
19 unemployment-related criteria established by the Department or
20 by law, then, on or after the effective date of this amendatory
21 Act of the 96th General Assembly and until December 31, 2012,
22 the enterprise zone may expand its boundaries if (a) the
23 territory into which the zone is expanding had an average
24 unemployment rate in the previous calendar year of more than
25 (i) 10% or (ii) 120% of the State's annual average unemployment
26 rate for that previous calendar year, whichever is less, and

1 (b) the expanded zone area meets the criteria of item (1)(A) of
2 this Section.

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

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.