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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4753

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4753, AS AMENDED, by
3 replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Renewable Energy Production District Act is
6 amended by changing Sections 5, 10, 15, and 20 and by adding
7 Sections 22 and 30 as follows:

8 (70 ILCS 1950/5)

9 Sec. 5. Definitions ~~Definition~~.

10 "Board" means the board of trustees of a renewable energy
11 production special district created under this Act.

12 "District" means a renewable energy production special
13 district created under this Act.

14 "Renewable energy facility" means a generator that is
15 attached to a building or parcel of land and that is powered by
16 methane gas generated from landfills, solar electric energy or

1 wind, dedicated crops grown for electricity generation,
2 anaerobic digestion of livestock or food processing waste, fuel
3 cells or microturbines powered by renewable fuels, or
4 hydroelectric energy.

5 (Source: P.A. 97-265, eff. 8-8-11.)

6 (70 ILCS 1950/10)

7 Sec. 10. Renewable energy production special district.

8 (a) Any or all areas ~~area~~ within the boundaries of a single
9 county may be incorporated as a single renewable energy
10 production special district. The territory incorporated in a
11 district formed under this Act shall be contiguous and may
12 contain any territory not previously included in any renewable
13 energy production district.

14 (b) Fifty or more of the legal voters resident within the
15 limits of the proposed district or a majority if there are
16 fewer than 100 legal voters, hereinafter referred to as the
17 "petitioners", may petition the circuit court for the county in
18 which the proposed district is located to cause the question to
19 be submitted to the legal voters of the proposed district
20 whether the proposed territory shall be organized as a
21 renewable energy production special district under this Act.
22 The petition shall be addressed to the court and shall set
23 forth (i) ~~contain~~ a definite description of the boundaries of
24 the territory to be embraced in the proposed district, (ii) and
25 the name of the proposed district, and (iii) a request that the

1 question be submitted to the legal voters of the proposed
2 district. ~~The territory incorporated in a district formed under~~
3 ~~this Act shall be contiguous and may contain any territory not~~
4 ~~previously included in any renewable energy production~~
5 ~~district.~~

6 ~~Upon filing a petition, in the office of the circuit clerk~~
7 ~~of the county in which the petition is made, the court shall~~
8 ~~consider the boundaries of the renewable energy production~~
9 ~~district whether the same shall be those stated in the petition~~
10 ~~or otherwise.~~

11 (c) In the event that 2 or more petitions covering in part
12 the same territory are filed prior to the public hearing upon
13 the petition first filed, the petitions shall be consolidated
14 for public hearing, and a hearing thereon may be continued to
15 permit the giving of sufficient notice upon any petition or
16 petitions.

17 (d) The petitioners shall give at least 20 days notice
18 prior to a hearing ~~Notice shall be given by the court~~ of the
19 time and place of a hearing upon the subject of the petition.
20 The notice shall be published in one or more newspapers of
21 general circulation within the proposed renewable energy
22 production special district or, if there is no newspaper of
23 general circulation within the proposed renewable energy
24 production special district, then by posting ~~at least 10~~ copies
25 in 10 of the most public places within the boundaries of the
26 proposed district at least 20 days before the meeting ~~in~~

1 ~~conspicuous places as far separated from each other as~~
2 ~~consistently possible.~~

3 The filing fee on the petition and the costs of printing
4 and publication or posting of notices of public hearings shall
5 be paid by the petitioners.

6 (e) At the hearing on the petition, all persons in the
7 proposed renewable energy production special district shall
8 have an opportunity to present evidence, be heard concerning
9 the creation, location, and boundary of the proposed district,
10 and make suggestions regarding the same, provided, however,
11 that the court may refuse to allow evidence or testimony deemed
12 cumulative. After ~~and the court, after~~ hearing statements,
13 evidence, and suggestions, the court shall fix and determine
14 the limits and boundaries of the proposed district, and for
15 that purpose and to that extent, may alter and amend the
16 petition. In determining the limits and boundaries of the
17 proposed district the court may consider, among other factors,
18 the public interest and whether the territory contained within
19 the proposed district contains only portions of one or more
20 electoral districts. After the determination by the court the
21 limits and boundaries shall be incorporated in an order, and
22 the order shall be filed in the records of the court. Upon the
23 entering of the order, the court shall certify the order and
24 the proposition to the proper election officials, who shall
25 submit the proposition to the voters at the next permissible ~~an~~
26 election in accordance with the general election law. In

1 addition to the requirements of the general election law,
2 notice of the referendum shall include a description of the
3 boundaries of the territory to be embraced in the proposed
4 district and the name of the proposed district.

5 The proposition shall be in substantially the following
6 form:

7 Shall a renewable energy production special district
8 to be known as the (name of the proposed district) be
9 incorporated?

10 The proposed district encompasses (description of
11 territory in the proposed district).

12 Votes shall be recorded as "YES" or "NO".

13 The court shall cause a statement of the results of the
14 election to be filed in the records of the court. If a majority
15 of the votes cast upon the question are in favor of the
16 incorporation of the proposed renewable energy production
17 special district, then the district shall thereafter be an
18 organized renewable energy production special district under
19 this Act, and the court shall enter an order accordingly and
20 cause the same to be filed in the records of the court and
21 shall also send to the county clerk a certified copy of the
22 order organizing the district.

23 (Source: P.A. 97-265, eff. 8-8-11.)

24 (70 ILCS 1950/15)

25 Sec. 15. Board of trustees.

1 (a) A renewable energy production district shall be
2 governed by a board of trustees. The board of trustees shall
3 consist of 5 members. A member of the board of trustees must
4 reside within the territory embraced within the district.

5 Within 90 days after the order is entered organizing the
6 district, the county board in which the renewable energy
7 production district is located shall appoint the initial
8 members of the board. Of the initial members, 3 shall serve for
9 a 3-year term and 2 shall serve for a 5-year term, as
10 determined by lot. Thereafter, the members of the board shall
11 serve for a 5-year term. Vacancies shall be filled in the same
12 manner as appointments. ~~The members of the board shall annually~~
13 ~~elect one member to serve as the chairperson.~~ Members of the
14 board shall serve without compensation but may receive the
15 reasonable cost of their travel expenses and may be reimbursed
16 for actual expenses incurred in the performance of their
17 official duties as members of the board.

18 (b) Within 60 days after appointment of the initial board
19 of trustees, the board shall meet and elect a chairman, who
20 shall thereafter be elected annually by the board, the
21 secretary, and the treasurer. At the initial meeting, the board
22 shall adopt by-laws that shall at a minimum (i) define the
23 first and subsequent fiscal years of the district, (ii)
24 determine the dates and times of other regular and special
25 meetings of the board, and (iii) set forth the procedure for
26 amending the by-laws.

1 (c) A majority of the members appointed shall constitute a
2 quorum in order to do business.

3 (d) Formal action of the board shall be in the form of an
4 ordinance, resolution, motion, or other appropriate form,
5 approved by a majority of the board members in attendance at a
6 board meeting.

7 (Source: P.A. 97-265, eff. 8-8-11.)

8 (70 ILCS 1950/20)

9 Sec. 20. Powers of the board of trustees. The board shall
10 exercise all of the powers and control all the affairs of a
11 renewable energy production special district.

12 (a) The board may:

13 (1) finance, acquire, construct, operate, ~~and~~
14 maintain, or dispose of a renewable energy facility;

15 (2) contract with private or public entities to
16 finance, acquire, construct, operate, ~~or~~ maintain, or
17 dispose of a renewable energy facility for the district;

18 (3) solicit and accept moneys from any legal source;
19 ~~and~~

20 (4) sell the renewable energy produced by a renewable
21 energy facility;~~;~~

22 (5) acquire, purchase, own, lease, rent, sell, and
23 convey interests in real and tangible and intangible
24 personal property;

25 (6) purchase insurance;

1 (7) sue and be sued;

2 (8) hire employees, prescribe their duties and fix
3 their compensation;

4 (9) adopt and use a seal;

5 (10) make and execute contracts, loans, leases,
6 subleases, installation purchase agreements, notes and
7 other instruments evidencing financial obligations, and
8 other instruments necessary or convenient in the exercise
9 of its powers;

10 (11) make, adopt, amend, and repeal ordinances,
11 resolutions, bylaws, rules, and regulations not
12 inconsistent with this Act, provided, however, that such
13 ordinances, resolutions, bylaws, rules, and regulations
14 shall not be applicable to the operation and maintenance of
15 renewable energy or waste disposal activities by private
16 businesses or concerns or other public entities;

17 (12) sell, lease, sublease, license, transfer, convey,
18 or otherwise dispose of any of its real or personal
19 property, or interests therein, in whole or in part, at any
20 time upon such terms and conditions as it may determine;

21 (13) invest funds, not required for immediate
22 disbursement, in property or agreements;

23 (14) apply for, accept and use grants, loans, or other
24 financial assistance from any private entity or municipal,
25 county, State, or federal governmental agency or other
26 public entity;

1 (15) employ or enter into contracts for the employment
2 of any person, firm, or corporation, and for professional
3 services, necessary or desirable for the accomplishment of
4 the corporate objects of the district or the proper
5 administration, management, protection or control of its
6 property and assets; and

7 (16) make and execute all contracts and other
8 instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of its
9 powers.

10 This Section shall be liberally construed to give effect to
11 its purposes.

12 (b) The board must:

13 (1) remit all money collected from a renewable energy
14 facility, exclusive of operations, maintenance, capital,
15 debt service, and investment costs, to the county in which
16 the district is located; and-

17 (2) comply with the requirements that apply to
18 pollution control facilities under the Environmental
19 Protection Act, as well as any other applicable permitting
20 and regulatory requirements under that Act, if it intends
21 to own, operate, or construct a generator that is attached
22 to a building or parcel of land and is powered by fuel
23 cells or microturbines.

24 (c) The board is not authorized to and shall not use
25 eminent domain or quick take proceedings to acquire property.

26 (Source: P.A. 97-265, eff. 8-8-11.)

1 (70 ILCS 1950/22 new)

2 Sec. 22. Dissolution of a district.

3 (a) Action to dissolve a district may be instituted either
4 by action of a board or petition.

5 (b) If a district has fully discharged its debts and
6 obligations, then the board of that district may adopt an
7 ordinance finding and determining that the foregoing condition
8 has been met and that the public interest does not require
9 continuation of the district. A copy of the ordinance shall be
10 published in one or more newspapers of general circulation
11 within the district or, if there is no newspaper of general
12 circulation within the district, then by posting copies in 10
13 of the most public places within the boundaries of the proposed
14 district. In addition to a copy of the ordinance, the
15 publication or posting shall include a notice of (i) the
16 specific number of voters required to sign a petition
17 requesting the submission to the electors of the question of
18 the dissolution of the district, (ii) the date by which the
19 petition must be filed, and (iii) the official with whom, or
20 office at which, the petition must be filed. Unless a petition
21 is filed with the secretary of the board within 30 days after
22 publication or posting containing the signatures of voters
23 equal in number to 10% or more of the total number of
24 registered voters in the territory of the district requesting
25 that the question of the dissolution of the Authority be

1 submitted to an election, the district shall be deemed to be
2 dissolved at the expiration of the 30-day period. If such a
3 petition is filed, then the question of the dissolution of the
4 district shall be certified by the board to the proper election
5 authority, which shall submit the question to the electors of
6 the district at the next permissible election in accordance
7 with the general election law.

8 The question shall be in substantially the following form:

9 Shall the (name of the district) be dissolved?

10 Votes shall be recorded as "YES" or "NO".

11 The result of the election shall be entered upon the
12 corporate records of the district. If a majority of the ballots
13 cast on the question are marked "yes", then the district shall
14 be dissolved. But if a majority of the ballots on the question
15 are marked "no", the board shall proceed with the affairs of
16 the district as though the dissolution ordinance had never been
17 adopted, and the question shall not again be submitted to the
18 voters for a period of 2 years. When the business and affairs
19 of any district have been concluded after dissolution, that
20 fact shall be certified by the chair of its board to the county
21 clerk of the county where the district was located.

22 (c) 10% or more of the total number of registered voters
23 residing within the territory of the district, hereinafter
24 referred to as the "petitioners", may petition the circuit
25 court for the county where the proposed district is located to
26 cause the question to be submitted to the legal voters of the

1 proposed district whether the district shall be dissolved. The
2 petition shall be addressed to the court and shall set forth
3 (i) the name of the district, (ii) an allegation that the
4 district has fully discharged its debts and obligations, and
5 (iii) a request that the question be submitted to the electors
6 residing within the limits of the district whether the district
7 shall be dissolved.

8 The petitioners shall give at least 20 calendar days notice
9 of the time and place of a hearing upon the subject of the
10 petition. The notice shall be published in one or more
11 newspapers of general circulation within the district or, if
12 there is no newspaper of general circulation within the
13 district, then by posting the notice at least 20 calendar days
14 prior to the hearing in 10 of the most public places within the
15 boundaries of the proposed district. All costs relating to the
16 filing of the petition and the costs of printing and
17 publication or posting of notices of public hearing thereon
18 shall be paid by the petitioners.

19 At the hearing on the petition all persons in the district
20 shall have an opportunity to present evidence and be heard
21 concerning the dissolution of the district, provided, however,
22 that the court may refuse to allow evidence or testimony deemed
23 cumulative.

24 After hearing statements, evidence, and suggestions, the
25 court shall determine whether the district has fully discharged
26 its debts and obligations and, if so, the court shall enter an

1 order that the proposition whether the district shall be
2 dissolved be submitted to the electors residing within the
3 limits of the district. Upon the entering of such an order, the
4 court shall certify the order and the proposition to the proper
5 election officials, who shall submit the proposition to the
6 voters at the next permissible election in accordance with the
7 general election law.

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11 The result of the election shall be entered upon the
12 corporate records of the district. If a majority of the ballots
13 cast on the question are marked "yes", then the district shall
14 be dissolved. But if a majority of the ballots on the question
15 are marked "no", the board shall proceed with the affairs of
16 the district as though dissolution had never been considered,
17 and the question shall not again be submitted to the voters for
18 a period of 2 years. When the business and affairs of any
19 district have been concluded after dissolution, that fact shall
20 be certified by the chair of its board to the county clerk of
21 the county where the district was located.

22 (70 ILCS 1950/30 new)

23 Sec. 30. Records of a district. The board shall adopt rules
24 and regulations for the retention and proper safekeeping and
25 maintenance of its permanent records and for the recording of

1 the corporate actions of the district. The district shall be
2 subject to the provisions of the Local Records Act.

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