

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Groundwater Protection Act is
5 amended by adding Section 5-5 as follows:

6 (415 ILCS 55/5-5 new)

7 Sec. 5-5. Mahomet Aquifer Council.

8 (a) There shall be established a Mahomet Aquifer Council.

9 The Council shall be composed of the following members:

10 (1) one member of the Senate, appointed by the
11 President of the Senate;

12 (2) one member of the House of Representatives,
13 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

14 (3) one member of the Senate, appointed by the
15 Minority Leader of the Senate;

16 (4) one member of the House of Representatives,
17 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
18 Representatives;

19 (5) one member representing the Illinois Environmental
20 Protection Agency, appointed by the Director of the
21 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency;

22 (6) two members representing a national waste and
23 recycling organization, appointed by the Governor;

1 (7) one member representing a statewide environmental
2 organization, appointed by the Governor;

3 (8) three members representing a nonprofit consortium
4 dedicated to the sustainability of the Mahomet Aquifer,
5 appointed by the Governor;

6 (9) one member representing the Illinois State Water
7 Survey of the Prairie Research Institute of the University
8 of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, appointed by the
9 Governor;

10 (10) one member representing a statewide association
11 representing the pipe trades, appointed by the Governor;

12 (11) one member representing the State's largest
13 general farm organization, appointed by the Governor;

14 (12) one member representing a statewide trade
15 association representing manufacturers, appointed by the
16 Governor;

17 (13) one member representing a community health care
18 organization located over the Mahomet Aquifer, appointed
19 by the Governor;

20 (14) seven members representing local government
21 bodies located over the Mahomet Aquifer, appointed by the
22 Governor;

23 (15) one member representing a State labor
24 organization that represents employees in the solid waste,
25 recycling, and related industries, appointed by the
26 Governor; and

1 (16) one member representing a statewide business
2 association with a focus on environmental issues,
3 appointed by the Governor.

4 (b) From among the Council's members, a chairperson shall
5 be selected by majority vote and shall preside for a one-year
6 term. The term of membership in the Council shall be for 3
7 years.

8 (c) The Council shall:

9 (1) review, evaluate, and make recommendations
10 regarding State laws, regulations, and procedures that
11 relate to the Mahomet Aquifer;

12 (2) review, evaluate, and make recommendations
13 regarding the State's efforts to implement this Act that
14 relate to the quality of the Mahomet Aquifer;

15 (3) review, evaluate, and make recommendations
16 regarding current and potential contamination threats to
17 the water quality of the Mahomet Aquifer; and

18 (4) make recommendations relating to actions that
19 might be taken to ensure the long-term protection of the
20 Mahomet Aquifer.

21 (d) Members of the Mahomet Aquifer Council shall be
22 reimbursed for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in the
23 performance of their duties, except that such reimbursement
24 shall be limited to expenses associated with no more than 4
25 meetings per calendar year. The Agency shall provide the
26 Council with such supporting services as are reasonable for

1 the performance of the Council's duties.

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