



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

SB2515

Introduced 2/26/2021, by Sen. Chapin Rose

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

415 ILCS 55/5-5 new

Amends the Illinois Groundwater Protection Act. Creates the Mahomet Aquifer Council. Provides that 9 public members shall be appointed to the Council by the Governor, including 3 persons representing a nonprofit consortium dedicated to the sustainability of the Mahomet Aquifer, 5 persons representing local government bodies located over the Mahomet Aquifer, and one person from the University of Illinois Prairie Research Institute. Provides that the chairperson's term shall be for one year, and a Council member's term shall be for 3 years. Allows reimbursement to members for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, except that such reimbursement shall be limited to expenses associated with no more than 4 meetings per calendar year. Requires the Agency to provide the Council with such supporting services as are reasonable for the performance of the Council's duties. Effective immediately.

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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 9 public members appointed by  
10 the Governor, including:

11 (1) 3 persons representing a nonprofit consortium  
12 dedicated to the sustainability of the Mahomet Aquifer;

13 (2) 5 persons representing local government bodies  
14 located over the Mahomet Aquifer; and

15 (3) one person from the University of Illinois Prairie  
16 Research Institute.

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

21 (c) The Council shall:

22 (1) review, evaluate, and make recommendations  
23 regarding State laws, regulations, and procedures that

1 relate to the Mahomet Aquifer;  
2 (2) review, evaluate, and make recommendations  
3 regarding the State's efforts to implement this Act that  
4 relate to the quality of the Mahomet Aquifer;  
5 (3) review, evaluate, and make recommendations  
6 regarding current and potential contamination threats to  
7 the water quality of the Mahomet Aquifer; and  
8 (4) make recommendations relating to actions that  
9 might be taken to ensure the long-term protection of the  
10 Mahomet Aquifer.  
11 (d) Members of the Mahomet Aquifer Council shall be  
12 reimbursed for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in the  
13 performance of their duties, except that such reimbursement  
14 shall be limited to expenses associated with no more than 4  
15 meetings per calendar year. The Agency shall provide the  
16 Council with such supporting services as are reasonable for  
17 the performance of the Council's duties.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
19 becoming law.