

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.