

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2005 and 2006

HB3435

Introduced 2/22/2005, by Rep. Monique D. Davis

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

415 ILCS 5/5

from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1005

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Pollution Control Board.

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AN ACT concerning safety.

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

Section 5. The Environmental Protection Act is amended by
changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (415 ILCS 5/5) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1005)

7 Sec. 5. Pollution Control Board.

8 (a) There is hereby created an independent board to be 9 known as <u>the the Pollution Control Board</u>.

10 Until July 1, 2003 or when all of the new members to be 11 initially appointed under this amendatory Act of the 93rd 12 General Assembly have been appointed by the Governor, whichever 13 occurs later, the Board shall consist of 7 technically 14 qualified members, no more than 4 of whom may be of the same 15 political party, to be appointed by the Governor with the 16 advice and consent of the Senate.

The term of each appointed member of the Board who is in office on June 30, 2003 shall terminate at the close of business on that date or when all of the new members to be initially appointed under this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly have been appointed by the Governor, whichever occurs later.

Beginning on July 1, 2003 or when all of the new members to 23 be initially appointed under this amendatory Act of the 93rd 24 25 General Assembly have been appointed by the Governor, whichever 26 occurs later, the Board shall consist of 5 technically qualified members, no more than 3 of whom may be of the same 27 28 political party, to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Members shall have verifiable 29 30 technical, academic, or actual experience in the field of pollution control or environmental law and regulation. 31

32 Of the members initially appointed pursuant to this

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1 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, one shall be 2 appointed for a term ending July 1, 2004, 2 shall be appointed 3 for terms ending July 1, 2005, and 2 shall be appointed for 4 terms ending July 1, 2006. Thereafter, all members shall hold 5 office for 3 years from the first day of July in the year in 6 which they were appointed, except in case of an appointment to fill a vacancy. In case of a vacancy in the office when the 7 8 Senate is not in session, the Governor may make a temporary 9 appointment until the next meeting of the Senate, when he or she shall nominate some person to fill such office; and any 10 11 person so nominated, who is confirmed by the Senate, shall hold 12 the office during the remainder of the term.

Members of the Board shall hold office until their respective successors have been appointed and qualified. Any member may resign from office, such resignation to take effect when a successor has been appointed and has qualified.

17 Board members shall be paid \$37,000 per year or an amount set by the Compensation Review Board, whichever is greater, and 18 19 the Chairman shall be paid \$43,000 per year or an amount set by 20 the Compensation Review Board, whichever is greater. Each member shall devote his or her entire time to the duties of the 21 22 office, and shall hold no other office or position of profit, 23 nor engage in any other business, employment, or vocation. Each 24 member shall be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred 25 and shall make a financial disclosure upon appointment.

Each Board member may employ one secretary and one assistant, and the Chairman one secretary and 2 assistants. The Board also may employ and compensate hearing officers to preside at hearings under this Act, and such other personnel as may be necessary. Hearing officers shall be attorneys licensed to practice law in Illinois.

The Board may have an Executive Director; if so, the Executive Director shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The salary and duties of the Executive Director shall be fixed by the Board.

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Chairman, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

2 The Board shall hold at least one meeting each month and 3 such additional meetings as may be prescribed by Board rules. In addition, special meetings may be called by the Chairman or 4 5 by any 2 Board members, upon delivery of 24 hours written 6 notice to the office of each member. All Board meetings shall be open to the public, and public notice of all meetings shall 7 be given at least 24 hours in advance of each meeting. In 8 emergency situations in which a majority of the Board certifies 9 10 that exigencies of time require the requirements of public 11 notice and of 24 hour written notice to members may be 12 dispensed with, and Board members shall receive such notice as is reasonable under the circumstances. 13

If there is no vacancy on the Board, 4 members of the Board 14 shall constitute a quorum to transact business; otherwise, a 15 16 majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum to transact 17 business, and no vacancy shall impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the Board. 18 19 Every action approved by a majority of the members of the Board 20 shall be deemed to be the action of the Board. The Board shall keep a complete and accurate record of all its meetings. 21

(b) The Board shall determine, define and implement the environmental control standards applicable in the State of Illinois and may adopt rules and regulations in accordance with Title VII of this Act.

26 (c) The Board shall have authority to act for the State in 27 regard to the adoption of standards for submission to the 28 United States under any federal law respecting environmental 29 protection. Such standards shall be adopted in accordance with 30 Title VII of the Act and upon adoption shall be forwarded to 31 the Environmental Protection Agency for submission to the 32 United States pursuant to subsections (1) and (m) of Section 4 of this Act. Nothing in this paragraph shall limit the 33 34 discretion of the Governor to delegate authority granted to the Governor under any federal law. 35

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(d) The Board shall have authority to conduct proceedings

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1 upon complaints charging violations of this Act, any rule or 2 regulation adopted under this Act, any permit or term or 3 condition of a permit, or any Board order; upon administrative 4 citations; upon petitions for variances or adjusted standards; 5 upon petitions for review of the Agency's final determinations 6 on permit applications in accordance with Title X of this Act; 7 upon petitions to remove seals under Section 34 of this Act; 8 and upon other petitions for review of final determinations which are made pursuant to this Act or Board rule and which 9 involve a subject which the Board is authorized to regulate. 10 11 The Board may also conduct other proceedings as may be provided 12 by this Act or any other statute or rule.

13 In connection with any proceeding pursuant (e) to subsection (b) or (d) of this Section, the Board may subpoena 14 15 and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of 16 evidence reasonably necessary to resolution of the matter under consideration. The Board shall issue such subpoenas upon the 17 request of any party to a proceeding under subsection (d) of 18 19 this Section or upon its own motion.

20 (f) The Board may prescribe reasonable fees for permits 21 required pursuant to this Act. Such fees in the aggregate may 22 not exceed the total cost to the Agency for its inspection and 23 permit systems. The Board may not prescribe any permit fees 24 which are different in amount from those established by this 25 Act.

26 (Source: P.A. 92-574, eff. 6-26-02; 93-152, eff. 7-10-03; 27 93-509, eff. 8-11-03; revised 9-11-03.)