



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

SB1280

Introduced 2/8/2011, by Sen. Michael W. Frerichs

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 105/6z-32

Amends the State Finance Act. Provides that conservation practice cost-share grants from the Partners for Conservation Fund may be made to livestock operations for water quality protection and improvement. Authorizes moneys in the Fund also to be used to partner with conservation land trusts in order to integrate State and federal programs with Illinois' natural resource protection and restoration efforts and to meet requirements to obtain federal and other funds for conservation or protection of natural resources. Also makes technical changes. Effective July 1, 2011.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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

4 Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 6z-32 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/6z-32)

7 Sec. 6z-32. Partners for Planning and Conservation.

8 (a) The Partners for Conservation Fund (formerly known as  
9 the Conservation 2000 Fund) and the Partners for Conservation  
10 Projects Fund (formerly known as the Conservation 2000 Projects  
11 Fund) are created as special funds in the State Treasury. These  
12 funds shall be used to establish a comprehensive program to  
13 protect Illinois' natural resources through cooperative  
14 partnerships between State government and public and private  
15 landowners. Moneys in these Funds may be used, subject to  
16 appropriation, by the Department of Natural Resources, the  
17 Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of  
18 Agriculture for purposes relating to natural resource  
19 protection, planning, recreation, tourism, and compatible  
20 agricultural and economic development activities. Without  
21 limiting these general purposes, moneys in these Funds may be  
22 used, subject to appropriation, for the following specific  
23 purposes:

1           (1) To foster sustainable agriculture practices and  
2 control soil erosion and sedimentation, including grants  
3 to Soil and Water Conservation Districts for conservation  
4 practice cost-share grants, which may include cost-share  
5 grants to livestock operations for water quality  
6 protection and improvement, and for Soil and Water  
7 Conservation District personnel, educational, and  
8 administrative expenses.

9           (2) To establish and protect a system of ecosystems in  
10 public and private ownership through conservation  
11 easements, incentives to public and private landowners,  
12 natural resource restoration and preservation, water  
13 quality protection and improvement, land use and watershed  
14 planning, technical assistance and grants, and land  
15 acquisition, provided these mechanisms are all voluntary  
16 on the part of the landowner and do not involve the use of  
17 eminent domain.

18           (3) To develop a systematic and long-term program to  
19 effectively measure and monitor natural resources and  
20 ecological conditions through investments in technology  
21 and involvement of scientific experts.

22           (4) To initiate strategies to enhance, use, and  
23 maintain Illinois' inland lakes through education,  
24 technical assistance, research, and financial incentives.

25           (5) To partner with private landowners; conservation  
26 land trusts; ~~and with~~ units of State, federal, and local

1 government; and ~~with~~ not-for-profit organizations in order  
 2 to integrate State and federal programs with Illinois'  
 3 natural resource protection and restoration efforts and to  
 4 meet requirements to obtain federal and other funds for  
 5 conservation or protection of natural resources.

6 (b) The State Comptroller and State Treasurer shall  
 7 automatically transfer on the last day of each month, beginning  
 8 on September 30, 1995 and ending on June 30, 2021, from the  
 9 General Revenue Fund to the Partners for Conservation Fund, an  
 10 amount equal to 1/10 of the amount set forth below in fiscal  
 11 year 1996 and an amount equal to 1/12 of the amount set forth  
 12 below in each of the other specified fiscal years:

Fiscal Year	Amount
1996	\$ 3,500,000
1997	\$ 9,000,000
1998	\$10,000,000
1999	\$11,000,000
2000	\$12,500,000
2001 through 2004	\$14,000,000
2005	\$7,000,000
2006	\$11,000,000
2007	\$0
2008 through 2021 .....	\$14,000,000

24 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
 25 contrary and in addition to any other transfers that may be  
 26 provided for by law, on the last day of each month beginning on

1 July 31, 2006 and ending on June 30, 2007, or as soon  
2 thereafter as may be practical, the State Comptroller shall  
3 direct and the State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from  
4 the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Fund to the  
5 Conservation 2000 Fund.

6 (d) There shall be deposited into the Partners for  
7 Conservation Projects Fund such bond proceeds and other moneys  
8 as may, from time to time, be provided by law.

9 (Source: P.A. 94-91, eff. 7-1-05; 94-839, eff. 6-6-06; 95-139,  
10 eff. 1-1-08.)

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
12 2011.