

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Quad Cities Regional Economic Development
5 Authority Act, approved September 22, 1987, is amended by
6 changing Section 4 as follows:

7 (70 ILCS 510/4) (from Ch. 85, par. 6204)

8 Sec. 4. (a) There is hereby created a political
9 subdivision, body politic and municipal corporation named the
10 Quad Cities Regional Economic Development Authority. The
11 territorial jurisdiction of the Authority is that geographic
12 area within the boundaries of JoDaviess, Carroll, Whiteside,
13 Stephenson, Lee, Rock Island, Henry, Knox, and Mercer counties
14 in the State of Illinois and any navigable waters and air space
15 located therein.

16 (b) The governing and administrative powers of the
17 Authority shall be vested in a body consisting of 16 ~~11~~ members
18 including, as an ex officio member, the Director of Commerce
19 and Economic Opportunity, or his or her designee. The other ~~10~~
20 members of the Authority shall be designated "public members",
21 6 of whom shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice
22 and consent of the Senate. Of the 6 members appointed by the
23 Governor, one shall be from a city within the Authority's

1 territory with a population of 25,000 or more and the remainder
2 shall be appointed at large. Of the 6 members appointed by the
3 Governor, 2 members shall have business or finance experience.
4 One member shall be appointed by each of the county board
5 chairmen of Rock Island, Henry, Knox, and Mercer Counties with
6 the advice and consent of the respective county board. Within
7 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
8 97th General Assembly, one additional public member shall be
9 appointed by each of the county board chairpersons of
10 JoDaviess, Carroll, Whiteside, Stephenson, and Lee counties
11 with the advice and consent of the respective county board. Of
12 the public members added by this amendatory Act of the 97th
13 General Assembly, one shall serve for a one-year term, 2 shall
14 serve for 2-year terms, and 2 shall serve for 3-year terms, to
15 be determined by lot. Their successors shall serve for 3-year
16 terms. All public members shall reside within the territorial
17 jurisdiction of this Act. Nine ~~Six~~ members shall constitute a
18 quorum. The public members shall be persons of recognized
19 ability and experience in one or more of the following areas:
20 economic development, finance, banking, industrial
21 development, small business management, real estate
22 development, community development, venture finance, organized
23 labor or civic, community or neighborhood organization. The
24 Chairman of the Authority shall be a public member elected by
25 the affirmative vote of not fewer than 6 members of the
26 Authority, except that any chairperson elected on or after the

1 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General
2 Assembly shall be elected by the affirmative vote of not fewer
3 than 9 members. The term of the Chairman shall be one year.

4 (c) The terms of the initial ~~all~~ members of the Authority
5 shall begin 30 days after the effective date of this Act,
6 except (i) the terms of those members added by this amendatory
7 Act of 1989 shall begin 30 days after the effective date of
8 this amendatory Act of 1989 and (ii) the terms of those members
9 added by this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly shall
10 begin 30 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act
11 of the 92nd General Assembly. Of the 10 public members
12 appointed pursuant to this Act, 2 (one of whom shall be
13 appointed by the Governor) shall serve until the third Monday
14 in January, 1989, 2 (one of whom shall be appointed by the
15 Governor) shall serve until the third Monday in January, 1990,
16 2 (one of whom shall be appointed by the Governor) shall serve
17 until the third Monday in January, 1991, 2 (both of whom shall
18 be appointed by the Governor) shall serve until the third
19 Monday in January, 1992, and 2 (one of whom shall be appointed
20 by the Governor and one of whom shall be appointed by the
21 county board chairman of Knox County) shall serve until the
22 third Monday in January, 2004. The initial terms of the members
23 appointed by the county board chairmen (other than the county
24 board chairman of Knox County) shall be determined by lot. All
25 successors shall be appointed by the original appointing
26 authority and hold office for a term of 3 years commencing the

1 third Monday in January of the year in which their term
2 commences, except in case of an appointment to fill a vacancy.
3 Vacancies occurring among the public members shall be filled
4 for the remainder of the term. In case of vacancy in a
5 Governor-appointed membership when the Senate is not in
6 session, the Governor may make a temporary appointment until
7 the next meeting of the Senate when a person shall be nominated
8 to fill such office, and any person so nominated who is
9 confirmed by the Senate shall hold office during the remainder
10 of the term and until a successor shall be appointed and
11 qualified. Members of the Authority shall not be entitled to
12 compensation for their services as members but shall be
13 entitled to reimbursement for all necessary expenses incurred
14 in connection with the performance of their duties as members.

15 (d) The Governor may remove any public member of the
16 Authority appointed by the Governor in case of incompetency,
17 neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office. The Chairman of a
18 county board may remove any public member of the Authority
19 appointed by such Chairman in the case of incompetency, neglect
20 of duty, or malfeasance in office.

21 (e) The Board shall appoint an Executive Director who shall
22 have a background in finance, including familiarity with the
23 legal and procedural requirements of issuing bonds, real estate
24 or economic development and administration. The Executive
25 Director shall hold office at the discretion of the Board. The
26 Executive Director shall be the chief administrative and

1 operational officer of the Authority, shall direct and
2 supervise its administrative affairs and general management,
3 shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time
4 to time by the members and shall receive compensation fixed by
5 the Authority. The Authority may engage the services of such
6 other agents and employees, including attorneys, appraisers,
7 engineers, accountants, credit analysts and other consultants,
8 as it may deem advisable and may prescribe their duties and fix
9 their compensation.

10 (f) The Board shall create a task force to study and make
11 recommendations to the Board on the economic development of the
12 territory within the jurisdiction of this Act. The number of
13 members constituting the task force shall be set by the Board
14 and may vary from time to time. The Board may set a specific
15 date by which the task force is to submit its final report and
16 recommendations to the Board.

17 (Source: P.A. 94-793, eff. 5-19-06.)

18 (70 ILCS 515/Act rep.)

19 Section 10. The Quad Cities Regional Economic Development
20 Authority Act, certified December 30, 1987, is repealed.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law.