



## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2005 and 2006

HB4701

Introduced 1/12/2006, by Rep. Roger L. Eddy - David Reis

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 200/10-148 new  
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Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that if, during the 2005 taxable year, any parcel of wooded land was valued based upon its productivity index equalized assessed value as cropland, then that property must be considered, for assessment purposes, to be "other farmland" for the 2006 and 2007 taxable years. Defines "wooded land". Creates the Wooded Land Assessment Task Force within the Department of Revenue to make findings and recommendations concerning the assessment of wooded land and property under forestry management programs. Sets forth procedures for the operation of the task force. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

4 Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by adding  
5 Sections 10-148 and 10-149 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 200/10-148 new)

7 Sec. 10-148. Assessment of wooded land.

8 (a) If, during the 2005 taxable year, any parcel of wooded  
9 land was valued based upon its productivity index equalized  
10 assessed value as cropland, then that property must be  
11 considered, for assessment purposes, to be "other farmland",  
12 under Section 10-125, for the 2006 and 2007 taxable years.

13 (b) For the purpose of this Section, "wooded land" means  
14 any parcel of unimproved real property that: (1) does not  
15 qualify as cropland, permanent pasture, other farmland, or  
16 wasteland under Section 10-125; and (2) is not managed under a  
17 forestry management plan and considered to be other farmland  
18 under Section 10-150.

19 (35 ILCS 200/10-149 new)

20 Sec. 10-149. Wooded Land Assessment Task Force.

21 (a) The Wooded Land Assessment Task Force is created within  
22 the Department concerning the assessment of wooded land and  
23 property under forestry management programs.

24 (b) The Task Force shall consist of 13 voting members as  
25 follows:

26 (1) 4 members of the General Assembly appointed, one  
27 each, by the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader  
28 of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
29 and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

30 (2) 5 members of the public, one from each judicial  
31 district of the State, appointed by the Illinois County

1 Assessors Association;

2 (3) the Director of Revenue or his or her designee;

3 (4) the Director of Natural Resources or his or her  
4 designee, who shall serve as chair of the Task Force;

5 (5) one member of the public appointed by the Illinois  
6 Farm Bureau; and

7 (6) one member of the public appointed by the Illinois  
8 Wood Products Association.

9 If a vacancy occurs in the task-force membership, then the  
10 vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the initial  
11 appointment.

12 (c) The task force may begin to conduct business upon the  
13 appointment of a majority of the voting members. The task force  
14 may adopt bylaws; it must meet at least once each month; and it  
15 may establish committees and officers as it deems necessary.  
16 For purposes of task force meetings, a quorum is 7 members.

17 Meetings of the task force are subject to the Open Meetings  
18 Act. The task force must afford an opportunity for public  
19 comment at each of its meetings.

20 The Department shall provide staff and administrative  
21 support services to the task force.

22 (d) Task force members shall serve without compensation,  
23 but may be reimbursed for their reasonable travel expenses from  
24 funds available for that purpose.

25 (e) The task force shall gather information and make  
26 recommendations to the Governor and to the General Assembly  
27 regarding procedures and policies for:

28 (1) the assessment of wooded land, as defined in  
29 Section 10-148; and

30 (2) the assessment of property under a certified  
31 forestry management program under Section 10-50.

32 (f) The task force must submit a report to the Governor and  
33 the General Assembly by December 1, 2006 concerning its finding  
34 and recommendations.

35 (g) The task force is dissolved on February 1, 2007.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.