

1 AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Illinois Independent Forensic Laboratory Act.

6 Section 2. Illinois Independent Forensic Laboratory.

7 (a) There is created the Illinois Independent Forensic
8 Laboratory. The Laboratory shall be governed by a board of
9 directors consisting of 5 members appointed by the Governor.
10 Each member of the board of directors shall serve a 4-year
11 term, except that 3 of the initial members appointed to the
12 board of directors after the effective date of this Act shall
13 each serve a 2-year term. The members of the board of
14 directors shall by a vote of 3 members chose a chairperson to
15 serve a 2-year term. The presence of 3 members of the board
16 of directors shall constitute a quorum to do business.

17 (b) Members of the board of directors shall serve
18 without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary
19 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
20 Vacancies on the board of directors shall be filled by the
21 Governor. A member of the board of directors appointed to
22 fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of the
23 member whom he or she is succeeding.

24 (c) The members of the board of directors shall by a
25 majority vote hire an Executive Director who shall serve at
26 the pleasure of the board of directors. The Executive
27 Director shall manage the operations of the Laboratory under
28 the direction of the board of directors. The Executive
29 Director shall hire such personnel as are necessary to carry
30 out the operations of the Laboratory with the approval of the
31 board of directors.

1 (d) The Illinois Independent Forensic Laboratory shall
2 conduct forensic testing for Illinois law enforcement
3 agencies. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, all
4 functions related to forensic testing by the Department of
5 State Police shall instead be performed by the Illinois
6 Independent Forensic Laboratory, and the board of directors
7 and the Department of State Police shall enter into a
8 cooperative agreement to transfer appropriate assets.