

HB0344



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2007 and 2008

HB0344

Introduced 1/22/2007, by Rep. Thomas Holbrook

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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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

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

4 Section 5. The Environmental Protection Act is amended by
5 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 the ~~the~~ Pollution Control Board.

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.

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

23 Beginning on July 1, 2003 or when all of the new members to

1 be initially appointed under this amendatory Act of the 93rd
2 General Assembly have been appointed by the Governor, whichever
3 occurs later, the Board shall consist of 5 technically
4 qualified members, no more than 3 of whom may be of the same
5 political party, to be appointed by the Governor with the
6 advice and consent of the Senate. Members shall have verifiable
7 technical, academic, or actual experience in the field of
8 pollution control or environmental law and regulation.

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

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

26 Board members shall be paid \$37,000 per year or an amount

1 set by the Compensation Review Board, whichever is greater, and
2 the Chairman shall be paid \$43,000 per year or an amount set by
3 the Compensation Review Board, whichever is greater. Each
4 member shall devote his or her entire time to the duties of the
5 office, and shall hold no other office or position of profit,
6 nor engage in any other business, employment, or vocation. Each
7 member shall be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred
8 and shall make a financial disclosure upon appointment.

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

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

19 The Governor shall designate one Board member to be
20 Chairman, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

21 The Board shall hold at least one meeting each month and
22 such additional meetings as may be prescribed by Board rules.
23 In addition, special meetings may be called by the Chairman or
24 by any 2 Board members, upon delivery of 24 hours written
25 notice to the office of each member. All Board meetings shall
26 be open to the public, and public notice of all meetings shall

1 be given at least 24 hours in advance of each meeting. In
2 emergency situations in which a majority of the Board certifies
3 that exigencies of time require the requirements of public
4 notice and of 24 hour written notice to members may be
5 dispensed with, and Board members shall receive such notice as
6 is reasonable under the circumstances.

7 If there is no vacancy on the Board, 4 members of the Board
8 shall constitute a quorum to transact business; otherwise, a
9 majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum to transact
10 business, and no vacancy shall impair the right of the
11 remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the Board.
12 Every action approved by a majority of the members of the Board
13 shall be deemed to be the action of the Board. The Board shall
14 keep a complete and accurate record of all its meetings.

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

19 (c) The Board shall have authority to act for the State in
20 regard to the adoption of standards for submission to the
21 United States under any federal law respecting environmental
22 protection. Such standards shall be adopted in accordance with
23 Title VII of the Act and upon adoption shall be forwarded to
24 the Environmental Protection Agency for submission to the
25 United States pursuant to subsections (l) and (m) of Section 4
26 of this Act. Nothing in this paragraph shall limit the

1 discretion of the Governor to delegate authority granted to the
2 Governor under any federal law.

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

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

23 (f) The Board may prescribe reasonable fees for permits
24 required pursuant to this Act. Such fees in the aggregate may
25 not exceed the total cost to the Agency for its inspection and
26 permit systems. The Board may not prescribe any permit fees

1 which are different in amount from those established by this
2 Act.

3 (Source: P.A. 92-574, eff. 6-26-02; 93-152, eff. 7-10-03;
4 93-509, eff. 8-11-03; revised 9-11-03.)