

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 Eastern Illinois Economic Development
5 Authority Act is amended by changing Sections 15 and 20 as
6 follows:

7 (70 ILCS 506/15)

8 Sec. 15. Creation.

9 (a) There is created a political subdivision, body politic,
10 and municipal corporation named the Eastern Illinois Economic
11 Development Authority. The territorial jurisdiction of the
12 Authority is that geographic area within the boundaries of the
13 following counties: Ford, Iroquois, Piatt, Champaign,
14 Vermilion, Douglas, Moultrie, Shelby, Coles, and Edgar and any
15 navigable waters and air space located therein.

16 (b) The governing and administrative powers of the
17 Authority shall be vested in a body consisting of 14 members as
18 follows:

19 (1) Ex officio members. The Director of Commerce and
20 Economic Opportunity, or a designee of that Department,
21 shall serve as an ex officio member.

22 (2) Public members. Three members shall be appointed by
23 the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The

1 county board chairperson of the following counties shall
2 each appoint one member: Ford, Iroquois, Piatt, Champaign,
3 Vermilion, Douglas, Moultrie, Shelby, Coles, and Edgar.
4 All public members shall reside within the territorial
5 jurisdiction of the Authority. The public members shall be
6 persons of recognized ability and experience in one or more
7 of the following areas: economic development, finance,
8 banking, industrial development, state or local
9 government, commercial agriculture, small business
10 management, real estate development, community
11 development, venture finance, organized labor, or civic or
12 community organization.

13 (c) A majority of the members appointed under item (2) of
14 subsection (b) of this Section ~~8 members~~ shall constitute a
15 quorum.

16 (d) The chairperson of the Authority shall be elected
17 annually by the Board and must be a public member that resides
18 within the territorial jurisdiction of the Authority.

19 (e) The terms of all initial members of the Authority shall
20 begin 30 days after the effective date of this Act. Of the 3
21 original public members appointed by the Governor, 1 shall
22 serve until the third Monday in January, 2006; 1 shall serve
23 until the third Monday in January, 2007; 1 shall serve until
24 the third Monday in January, 2008. The initial terms of the
25 original public members appointed by the county board
26 chairpersons shall be determined by lot, according to the

1 following schedule: (i) 2 shall serve until the third Monday in
2 January, 2006, (ii) 2 shall serve until the third Monday in
3 January, 2007, (iii) 2 shall serve until the third Monday in
4 January, 2008, (iv) 2 shall serve until the third Monday in
5 January, 2009, and (v) 2 shall serve until the third Monday in
6 January, 2010. All successors to these original public members
7 shall be appointed by the original appointing authority and all
8 appointments made by the Governor shall be made with the advice
9 and consent of the Senate, pursuant to subsection (b), and
10 shall hold office for a term of 6 years commencing the third
11 Monday in January of the year in which their term commences,
12 except in the case of an appointment to fill a vacancy.
13 Vacancies occurring among the public members shall be filled
14 for the remainder of the term. In case of vacancy in a
15 Governor-appointed membership when the Senate is not in
16 session, the Governor may make a temporary appointment until
17 the next meeting of the Senate when a person shall be nominated
18 to fill the office and, upon confirmation by the Senate, he or
19 she shall hold office during the remainder of the term and
20 until a successor is appointed and qualified. Members of the
21 Authority are not entitled to compensation for their services
22 as members but are entitled to reimbursement for all necessary
23 expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their
24 duties as members.

25 (f) The Governor or a county board chairperson, as the case
26 may be, may remove any public member of the Authority in case

1 of incompetence, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office. The
2 chairperson of a county board may remove any public member
3 appointed by that chairperson in the case of incompetence,
4 neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office.

5 (g) The Board shall appoint an Executive Director who shall
6 have a background in finance, including familiarity with the
7 legal and procedural requirements of issuing bonds, real
8 estate, or economic development and administration. The
9 Executive Director shall hold office at the discretion of the
10 Board. The Executive Director shall be the chief administrative
11 and operational officer of the Authority, shall direct and
12 supervise its administrative affairs and general management,
13 perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time to
14 time by the members, and receive compensation fixed by the
15 Authority. The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
16 shall pay the compensation of the Executive Director from
17 appropriations received for that purpose. The Executive
18 Director shall attend all meetings of the Authority. However,
19 no action of the Authority shall be invalid on account of the
20 absence of the Executive Director from a meeting. The Authority
21 may engage the services of the Illinois Finance Authority,
22 attorneys, appraisers, engineers, accountants, credit
23 analysts, and other consultants if the Eastern Illinois
24 Economic Development Authority deems it advisable.

25 (Source: P.A. 94-203, eff. 7-13-05.)

1 (70 ILCS 506/20)

2 Sec. 20. Duty. All official acts of the Authority shall
3 require the approval of at least 8 ~~11~~ members. It shall be the
4 duty of the Authority to promote development within the
5 geographic confines of Ford, Iroquois, Piatt, Champaign,
6 Vermilion, Douglas, Moultrie, Shelby, Coles, and Edgar
7 counties. The Authority shall use the powers conferred upon it
8 to assist in the development, construction, and acquisition of
9 industrial, commercial, housing, or residential projects
10 within its territorial jurisdiction.

11 (Source: P.A. 94-203, eff. 7-13-05.)

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.