

SB1204



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB1204

Introduced 2/9/2007, by Sen. Linda Holmes

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 105/6z-32

Amends the State Finance Act. Provides that moneys in the Conservation 2000 Fund and Conservation 2000 Projects Fund may be used, subject to appropriation, to support and assist units of local government with natural resource protection, recreation, tourism, and compatible agricultural and economic development activities that receive funding approval from the Department of Natural Resources. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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

4 Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by changing
5 Section 6z-32 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/6z-32)

7 Sec. 6z-32. Conservation 2000.

8 (a) The Conservation 2000 Fund and the Conservation 2000
9 Projects Fund are created as special funds in the State
10 Treasury. These funds shall be used to establish a
11 comprehensive program to protect Illinois' natural resources
12 through cooperative partnerships between State government and
13 public and private landowners. Moneys in these Funds may be
14 used, subject to appropriation, by the Environmental
15 Protection Agency and the Departments of Agriculture, Natural
16 Resources, and Transportation for purposes relating to natural
17 resource protection, recreation, tourism, and compatible
18 agricultural and economic development activities. Without
19 limiting these general purposes, moneys in these Funds may be
20 used, subject to appropriation, for the following specific
21 purposes:

22 (1) To foster sustainable agriculture practices and
23 control soil erosion and sedimentation, including grants

1 to Soil and Water Conservation Districts for conservation
2 practice cost-share grants and for personnel, educational,
3 and administrative expenses.

4 (2) To establish and protect a system of ecosystems in
5 public and private ownership through conservation
6 easements, incentives to public and private landowners,
7 including technical assistance and grants, and land
8 acquisition provided these mechanisms are all voluntary on
9 the part of the landowner and do not involve the use of
10 eminent domain.

11 (3) To develop a systematic and long-term program to
12 effectively measure and monitor natural resources and
13 ecological conditions through investments in technology
14 and involvement of scientific experts.

15 (4) To initiate strategies to enhance, use, and
16 maintain Illinois' inland lakes through education,
17 technical assistance, research, and financial incentives.

18 (5) To conduct an extensive review of existing Illinois
19 water laws.

20 (6) To support and assist units of local government
21 with natural resource protection, recreation, tourism, and
22 compatible agricultural and economic development
23 activities that receive funding approval from the
24 Department of Natural Resources.

25 (b) The State Comptroller and State Treasurer shall
26 automatically transfer on the last day of each month, beginning

1 on September 30, 1995 and ending on June 30, 2009, from the
 2 General Revenue Fund to the Conservation 2000 Fund, an amount
 3 equal to 1/10 of the amount set forth below in fiscal year 1996
 4 and an amount equal to 1/12 of the amount set forth below in
 5 each of the other specified fiscal years:

Fiscal Year	Amount
1996	\$ 3,500,000
1997	\$ 9,000,000
1998	\$10,000,000
1999	\$11,000,000
2000	\$12,500,000
2001 through 2004	\$14,000,000
2005	\$7,000,000
2006	\$11,000,000
2007	\$0
2008 through 2009	\$14,000,000

17 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
 18 contrary and in addition to any other transfers that may be
 19 provided for by law, on the last day of each month beginning on
 20 July 31, 2006 and ending on June 30, 2007, or as soon
 21 thereafter as may be practical, the State Comptroller shall
 22 direct and the State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from
 23 the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Fund to the
 24 Conservation 2000 Fund.

25 (d) There shall be deposited into the Conservation 2000
 26 Projects Fund such bond proceeds and other moneys as may, from

1 time to time, be provided by law.

2 (Source: P.A. 93-839, eff. 7-30-04; 94-91, eff. 7-1-05; 94-839,
3 eff. 6-6-06.)

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.