

1 AN ACT in regard to highways.

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

4 Section 5. The Toll Highway Act is amended by changing
5 Section 8 as follows:

6 (605 ILCS 10/8) (from Ch. 121, par. 100-8)

7 Sec. 8. The Authority shall have the power:

8 (a) To acquire, own, use, hire, lease, operate and
9 dispose of personal property, real property, any interest
10 therein, including rights-of-way, franchises and easements.

11 (b) To enter into all contracts and agreements necessary
12 or incidental to the performance of its powers under this
13 Act. All employment contracts let under this Act shall be in
14 conformity with the applicable provisions of the Prevailing
15 Wage Act ~~"An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and~~
16 ~~other workers employed under contracts for public works,"~~
17 ~~approved June 26, 1941, as amended.~~

18 (c) To employ and discharge, without regard to the
19 requirements of any civil service or personnel act, such
20 administrative, engineering, traffic, architectural,
21 construction, and financial experts, and inspectors, and such
22 other employees, as are necessary in the Authority's judgment
23 to carry out the purposes of this Act; and to establish and
24 administer standards of classification of all of such persons
25 with respect to their compensation, duties, performance, and
26 tenure; and to enter into contracts of employment with such
27 persons for such periods and on such terms as the Authority
28 deems desirable.

29 (d) To appoint by and with the consent of the Attorney
30 General, assistant attorneys for such Authority, which said
31 assistant attorneys shall be under the control, direction and

1 supervision of the Attorney General and shall serve at his
2 pleasure.

3 (e) To retain special counsel, subject to the approval
4 of the Attorney General, as needed from time to time, and fix
5 their compensation, provided however, such special counsel
6 shall be subject to the control, direction and supervision of
7 the Attorney General and shall serve at his pleasure.

8 (f) To acquire, construct, relocate, operate, regulate
9 and maintain a system of toll highways through and within the
10 State of Illinois. However, the Authority does not have the
11 power to acquire, operate, regulate or maintain any system of
12 toll highways or toll bridges or portions of them (including
13 but not limited to any system organized pursuant to Division
14 108 of Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code) in the
15 event either of the following conditions exists at the time
16 the proposed acquisition, operation, regulation or
17 maintenance of such system is to become effective:

18 (1) the principal or interest on bonds or other
19 instruments evidencing indebtedness of the system are in
20 default; or

21 (2) the principal or interest on bonds or other
22 instruments evidencing indebtedness of the system have been
23 in default at any time during the 5 year period prior to the
24 proposed acquisition.

25 To facilitate such construction, operation and
26 maintenance and subject to the approval of the Division of
27 Highways of the Department of Transportation, the Authority
28 shall have the full use and advantage of the engineering
29 staff and facilities of the Department.

30 (Source: P.A. 83-1258.)