

AN ACT concerning local government.

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

Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section 42000 as follows:

(55 ILCS 5/42000 new)

Sec. 42000. Wind farms. A county may own and operate a wind generation turbine farm, either individually or jointly with another unit of local government, school district, or community college district that is authorized to own and operate a wind generation turbine farm, that directly or indirectly reduces the energy or other operating costs of the county. The county may ask for the assistance of any State agency, including without limitation the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Illinois Power Agency, or the Environmental Protection Agency, in obtaining financing options for a wind generation turbine farm.

Section 10. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by adding Section 11-15.3-1 as follows:

(65 ILCS 5/11-15.3-1 new)

Sec. 11-15.3-1. Wind farms. A municipality may own and

operate a wind generation turbine farm, either individually or jointly with another unit of local government, school district, or community college district that is authorized to own and operate a wind generation turbine farm, that directly or indirectly reduces the energy or other operating costs of the municipality. The municipality may ask for the assistance of any State agency, including without limitation the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Illinois Power Agency, or the Environmental Protection Agency, in obtaining financing options for a wind generation turbine farm.

Section 15. The School Code is amended by changing and renumbering Sections 10-20.40 and 34-18.34 as follows:

(105 ILCS 5/10-20.42)

Sec. 10-20.42 ~~10-20.40~~. Wind farm. A school district may own and operate a wind generation turbine farm, either individually or jointly with a unit of local government, school district, or community college district that is authorized to own and operate a wind generation turbine farm, that directly or indirectly reduces the energy or other operating costs of the school district. The school district may ask for the assistance of any State agency, including without limitation the State Board of Education, the Illinois Power Agency, or the Environmental Protection Agency, in obtaining financing options for a wind generation turbine farm.

(Source: P.A. 95-390, eff. 8-23-07; revised 12-7-07.)

(105 ILCS 5/34-18.36)

Sec. 34-18.36 ~~34-18.34~~. Wind farm. The school district may own and operate a wind generation turbine farm, either individually or jointly with a unit of local government, school district, or community college district that is authorized to own and operate a wind generation turbine farm, that directly or indirectly reduces the energy or other operating costs of the school district. The school district may ask for the assistance of any State agency, including without limitation the State Board of Education, the Illinois Power Agency, or the Environmental Protection Agency, in obtaining financing options for a wind generation turbine farm.

(Source: P.A. 95-390, eff. 8-23-07; revised 12-7-07.)

Section 20. The Public Community College Act is amended by changing Section 3-42.3 as follows:

(110 ILCS 805/3-42.3)

Sec. 3-42.3. Wind farm. To own and operate a wind generation turbine farm, either individually or jointly with a unit of local government, school district, or community college district that is authorized to own and operate a wind generation turbine farm, that directly or indirectly reduces the energy or other operating costs of the community college

district. The board may ask for the assistance of any State agency, including without limitation the State Board, the Illinois Power Agency, or the Environmental Protection Agency, in obtaining financing options for a wind generation turbine farm.

(Source: P.A. 95-390, eff. 8-23-07.)

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