

AN ACT concerning safety.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Groundwater Protection Act is amended by adding Section 5-5 as follows:

(415 ILCS 55/5-5 new)

Sec. 5-5. Mahomet Aquifer Council.

(a) There shall be established a Mahomet Aquifer Council.

The Council shall be composed of the following members:

(1) one member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) one member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(3) one member of the Senate, appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

(4) one member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

(5) one member representing the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, appointed by the Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency;

(6) two members representing a national waste and recycling organization, appointed by the Governor;

(7) one member representing a statewide environmental organization, appointed by the Governor;

(8) three members representing a nonprofit consortium dedicated to the sustainability of the Mahomet Aquifer, appointed by the Governor;

(9) one member representing the Illinois State Water Survey of the Prairie Research Institute of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, appointed by the Governor;

(10) one member representing a statewide association representing the pipe trades, appointed by the Governor;

(11) one member representing the State's largest general farm organization, appointed by the Governor;

(12) one member representing a statewide trade association representing manufacturers, appointed by the Governor;

(13) one member representing a community health care organization located over the Mahomet Aquifer, appointed by the Governor;

(14) seven members representing local government bodies located over the Mahomet Aquifer, appointed by the Governor;

(15) one member representing a State labor organization that represents employees in the solid waste, recycling, and related industries, appointed by the Governor; and

(16) one member representing a statewide business association with a focus on environmental issues, appointed by the Governor.

(b) From among the Council's members, a chairperson shall be selected by majority vote and shall preside for a one-year term. The term of membership in the Council shall be for 3 years.

(c) The Council shall:

(1) review, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding State laws, regulations, and procedures that relate to the Mahomet Aquifer;

(2) review, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding the State's efforts to implement this Act that relate to the quality of the Mahomet Aquifer;

(3) review, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding current and potential contamination threats to the water quality of the Mahomet Aquifer; and

(4) make recommendations relating to actions that might be taken to ensure the long-term protection of the Mahomet Aquifer.

(d) Members of the Mahomet Aquifer Council shall be reimbursed for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, except that such reimbursement shall be limited to expenses associated with no more than 4 meetings per calendar year. The Agency shall provide the Council with such supporting services as are reasonable for

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the performance of the Council's duties.

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