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EXECUTIVE BRANCH
(20 ILCS 880/) Illinois Conservation Foundation Act.

(20 ILCS 880/1)

Sec. 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Illinois Conservation Foundation Act.

(Source: P.A. 88-591, eff. 8-20-94.)

(20 ILCS 880/5)

Sec. 5. Creation of Foundation. The General Assembly authorizes the Department of Natural Resources, in accordance with Section 10 of the State Agency Entity Creation Act, to create the Illinois Conservation Foundation. Under this authority, the Department of Natural Resources shall create the Illinois Conservation Foundation as a not-for-profit foundation. The Department shall file articles of incorporation as required under the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986 to create the Foundation. The Foundation's Board of Directors shall be appointed as follows: 2 by the President of the Illinois Senate; 2 by the Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate; 2 by the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives; 2 by the Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives; and 4 by the Governor. Vacancies shall be filled by the official who made the recommendation for the vacated appointment. The Director of Natural Resources shall chair the Board of Directors of the Foundation. No member of the Board of Directors may receive compensation for his or her services to the Foundation.

(Source: P.A. 88-591, eff. 8-20-94; 89-445, eff. 2-7-96.)

(20 ILCS 880/10)

Sec. 10. Foundation purposes. The purposes of the Foundation are: to promote, support, assist, sustain, and encourage the charitable, educational, scientific, and recreational programs, projects, and policies of the Department of Natural Resources; to solicit and accept aid or contributions consistent with the stated intent of the donor and the goals of the Foundation; to accept grants for the acquisition, construction, improvement, and development of potential Foundation projects; to solicit and generate private funding and donations that assist in enhancing and preserving Illinois' natural habitats, historic sites, river and stream corridors, state parks, forests, and fish and wildlife areas; and to engage generally in other lawful endeavors consistent with the foregoing purposes. The foundation shall operate within the provisions of the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986.

(Source: P.A. 88-591, eff. 8-20-94; 89-445, eff. 2-7-96.)

(20 ILCS 880/15)

Sec. 15. Organization, powers, and duties of Foundation. As soon as practical after the Foundation is created, the Board of Directors shall meet, organize, and designate, by majority vote, a treasurer, secretary, and any additional officers that may be needed to carry out the activities of the Foundation, and shall adopt bylaws of the Foundation. The Department of Natural Resources may adopt other rules deemed necessary to govern Foundation procedures.

The Foundation may accept gifts or grants from the federal government, its agencies or officers, or from any person, firm, or corporation, and may expend receipts on activities that it considers suitable to the performance of its duties under this Act and consistent with any requirement of the grant, gift, or bequest. Funds collected by the Foundation shall be considered private funds, except those received from public entities, and shall be held in an appropriate account outside of the State Treasury. Private funds collected by the Foundation are not subject to the Public Funds Investment Act. Foundation procurement is exempt from the Illinois Procurement Code when only private funds are used for procurement expenditures. The treasurer of the Foundation shall be custodian of all Foundation funds. The Foundation's accounts and books shall be set up and maintained in a manner approved by the Auditor General; and the Foundation and its officers shall be responsible for the approval of recording of receipts, approval of payments, and the proper filing of required reports. The Foundation may be assisted in carrying out its functions by personnel of the Department of Natural Resources. The Department shall provide reasonable assistance to the Foundation to achieve the purposes of the Foundation. The Foundation shall cooperate fully with the boards, commissions, agencies, departments, and institutions of the State. The funds held and made available by the Illinois Conservation Foundation shall be subject to financial and compliance audits by the Auditor General in compliance with the Illinois State Auditing Act.

The Foundation shall not have any power of eminent domain. (Source: P.A. 92-797, eff. 8-15-02.)

(20 ILCS 880/20)

Sec. 20. Disclosure to donors of exemption from Public Funds Investment Act. The Foundation must provide a written notice to any entity providing a gift, grant, or bequest to the Foundation that the Foundation is not subject to the provisions of the Public Funds Investment Act which Act places limitations on the types of securities in which a public agency may invest public funds.

(Source: P.A. 92-797, eff. 8-15-02.)

(20 ILCS 880/95)

Sec. 95. (Amendatory provisions; text omitted).

(Source: P.A. 88-591, eff. 8-20-94.)

(20 ILCS 880/99)

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

(Source: P.A. 88-591, eff. 8-20-94.)