LOCAL GOVERNMENT (50 ILCS 10/) Regional Council Act.

(50 ILCS 10/0.01) (from Ch. 85, par. 1010)

Sec. 0.01. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Regional Council Act.

(Source: P.A. 86-1324.)

(50 ILCS 10/1) (from Ch. 85, par. 1011)

Sec. 1. Establishment.

The governing bodies of any two or more governmental units, including, but not limited to: counties, cities, villages, school districts, townships, and special purpose districts, and private regional organizations, may, by appropriate action enter into an agreement with each other, or with the governing bodies of any governmental unit of any other state to the extent that laws of such state permit, for establishment of a regional council of public officials. (Source: P.A. 76-913.)

(50 ILCS 10/2) (from Ch. 85, par. 1012)

Sec. 2. Membership. Membership of the council shall consist of one representative from each governmental unit or private regional organization entering into the agreement. Private regional organizations shall be selected by the elected public official members and shall not exceed 33% of the total membership. The representative from each governmental unit shall be the elected chief executive of the member governmental unit.

Each member governmental unit annually may designate one of its elected officials, for a term ending on the last day of the council's fiscal year, as an alternate representative to act at any council meeting in the absence therefrom of the elected chief executive.

If such governmental unit does not have an elected chief executive, a member of its governing body shall be chosen by such body to be its representative. Any governmental unit which has become a member of the council may withdraw upon 60 days notice after formal action by its governing body. Representatives from local, state, and federal agencies, commissions, and boards are eligible to serve as ex officio members.

(Source: P.A. 79-399.)

(50 ILCS 10/3) (from Ch. 85, par. 1013)

Sec. 3. Powers and Duties.

The council has power to: (1) study such area governmental

problems common to two or more members of the council as it deems appropriate, including but not limited to matters affecting health, safety, welfare, education, economic conditions and regional development; (2) promote cooperative arrangements and coordinate action among its members; and (3) make recommendations for review and action to the members and other public agencies that perform functions within the region. All such powers are advisory in nature. (Source: P.A. 76-913.)

(50 ILCS 10/4) (from Ch. 85, par. 1014)

Sec. 4. By-Laws.

The council shall adopt by-laws designating the officers of the council and providing for the conduct of its business. (Source: P.A. 76-913.)

(50 ILCS 10/5) (from Ch. 85, par. 1015)

Sec. 5. Staff.

The council may employ such staff, and consult and retain such experts, as it deems necessary. (Source: P.A. 76-913.)

(50 ILCS 10/6) (from Ch. 85, par. 1016)

Sec. 6. Finances; Annual Report.

- (a) The governing bodies of the member governments may appropriate funds to meet the expenses of the council. Services of personnel, use of equipment and office space, and other necessary services may be accepted from members as part of their financial support.
- (b) The council may accept funds, grants, gifts and services from the government of the United States or its agencies, from this State or its departments, agencies or instrumentalities, or from any other governmental unit whether participating in the council or not, and from private and civic sources.
- (c) The council shall make an annual report of its activities to the member governments. (Source: P.A. 76-913.)

(50 ILCS 10/7) (from Ch. 85, par. 1017)

Sec. 7. Severability.

If any provision of this Act, or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

(Source: P.A. 76-913.)