



Vote Yes on HB 4549

Illinois Forestry Development Act

- HB 4549 extends the sunset date for the Illinois Forestry Development Council for another 10 years. The new sunset date will be December 31, 2018
- Increases the diversity of the Council by adding additional forestry and wildlife groups as members
- Provides an additional incentive for landowners to implement forest improvement practices following a timber harvest. All of the timber harvest fee now collected from their timber sale will be reimbursed when forest improvement practices are implemented.
 - Currently only half of the fee is returned.
 - The increased amount will encourage better practices on harvested land to
 - Promote Natural Regeneration of Oak/Hickory Forests
 - Reforest (Replant)
 - Control Invasive Species
- Changes the portion requiring that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) contact Forestry Development Act landowners annually to once every two years – this reduces costs and demands on IDNR forestry staff