

# SB1857



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/9/2023, by Sen. Christopher Belt

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Justice40 Oversight Committee Act. Establishes the Justice40 Oversight Committee. Provides that the Justice40 Oversight Committee shall make findings, conclusions, and recommendations regarding environmental justice in this State and uses of federal funds provided to the State for environmental justice. Requires the Justice40 Oversight Committee to submit reports delineating the Oversight Committee's findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the General Assembly by specified dates. Contains requirements for the appointment of voting and nonvoting members of the Oversight Committee. Contains other provisions. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Justice40 Oversight Committee Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose; findings.

7 (a) The purpose of this Act is to further the interest of  
8 the State of Illinois in Justice40, an initiative to deliver  
9 at least 40% of the overall benefits from federal investments  
10 in climate and clean energy to disadvantaged communities.

11 (b) The General Assembly finds that disadvantaged  
12 communities bear a disproportionate burden from the effects of  
13 climate change. The State of Illinois has a responsibility to  
14 protect these communities and to enable the use of these  
15 resources and must adequately prepare to make robust policy  
16 suggestions in consultation with residents from disadvantaged  
17 communities, advocates, and industries.

18 Section 10. Definition. In this Act, "Oversight Committee"  
19 means the Justice40 Oversight Committee established under  
20 Section 15.

21 Section 15. Justice40 Oversight Committee; duties.

1 (a) The Justice<sup>40</sup> Oversight Committee is established. The  
2 Oversight Committee shall:

3 (1) make findings, conclusions, and recommendations  
4 regarding environmental justice in this State and uses of  
5 federal funds provided to the State for environmental  
6 justice;

7 (2) submit an initial report delineating the Oversight  
8 Committee's findings, conclusions, and recommendations to  
9 the General Assembly no later than June 30, 2024; and

10 (3) after the initial report under paragraph (2),  
11 submit an annual report delineating the Oversight  
12 Committee's findings, conclusions, and recommendations to  
13 the General Assembly no later than June 30 of each year  
14 after 2023.

15 (b) After initial voting members have been appointed under  
16 Section 20, the Oversight Committee shall meet not less than  
17 twice each quarter after the effective date of this Act to  
18 carry out its duties under this Act.

19 Section 20. Appointments; members.

20 (a) Members of the Oversight Committee shall be appointed  
21 according to subsections (d) and (e) no later than 60 days  
22 after the effective date of this Act. If a vacancy occurs  
23 within the Oversight Committee, the vacancy shall be filled in  
24 a manner consistent with subsections (d) and (e).

25 (b) At the discretion of the Chairperson, additional

1 individuals may participate as nonvoting members of the  
2 Oversight Committee.

3 (c) At the discretion of both the Chairperson and  
4 Vice-Chairperson, additional individuals may be appointed as  
5 voting members of the Oversight Committee.

6 (d) The Oversight Committee shall consist of the following  
7 voting members:

8 (1) four members appointed as follows and who  
9 represent, when possible, disadvantaged communities:

10 (A) one member appointed by the Speaker of the  
11 House of Representatives, who shall serve as  
12 Chairperson;

13 (B) one member appointed by the President of the  
14 Senate, who shall serve as Vice-Chairperson;

15 (C) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of  
16 the Senate;

17 (D) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of  
18 the House of Representatives;

19 (2) the Director of the Illinois Environmental  
20 Protection Agency or his or her designee;

21 (3) the Director of Public Health or his or her  
22 designee;

23 (4) the Secretary of Human Services or his or her  
24 designee; and

25 (5) the Secretary of Transportation or his or her  
26 designee.

1           (e) The Oversight Committee may, at the discretion of the  
2 Oversight Committee, consist of the following nonvoting  
3 members:

4           (1) two representatives from labor organizations;

5           (2) two representatives from a statewide organization  
6 representing manufacturers;

7           (3) two representatives from faith-based  
8 organizations;

9           (4) two representatives from environmental justice  
10 organizations;

11           (5) two representatives from community-based  
12 organizations that work to facilitate affordable housing,  
13 transportation, or other essential services;

14           (6) two residents of disadvantaged communities; and

15           (7) a person nominated by a federal agency.

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