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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 620

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 620 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section
5 5-12020 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-12020 new)

7 Sec. 5-12020. Wind farms. A county may establish standards
8 for wind farms and electric-generating wind devices. The
9 standards may include, without limitation, the height of the
10 devices and the number of devices that may be located within a
11 geographic area. A county may also regulate the siting of wind
12 farms and electric-generating wind devices in unincorporated
13 areas of the county outside of the zoning jurisdiction of a
14 municipality and the 1.5 mile radius surrounding the zoning
15 jurisdiction of a municipality. There shall be at least one
16 public hearing not more than 30 days prior to a siting decision

1 by the county board. Notice of the hearing shall be published
2 in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. Counties
3 may allow test wind towers to be sited without formal approval
4 by the county board. Test wind towers must be dismantled within
5 3 years of installation. For the purposes of this Section,
6 "test wind towers" are wind towers that are designed solely to
7 collect wind generation data.

8 Section 10. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
9 adding Section 11-13-26 as follows:

10 (65 ILCS 5/11-13-26 new)

11 Sec. 11-13-26. Wind farms. A municipality may regulate wind
12 farms and electric-generating wind devices within its zoning
13 jurisdiction and within the 1.5 mile radius surrounding its
14 zoning jurisdiction. There shall be at least one public hearing
15 not more than 30 days prior to a siting decision by the
16 corporate authorities of a municipality. Notice of the hearing
17 shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the
18 municipality. A municipality may allow test wind towers to be
19 sited without formal approval by the corporate authorities of
20 the municipality. Test wind towers must be dismantled within 3
21 years of installation. For the purposes of this Section, "test
22 wind towers" are wind towers that are designed solely to
23 collect wind generation data.

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