

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Regional Planning Act is amended by adding
5 Section 75 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 1707/75 new)

7 Sec. 75. Northeastern Illinois water governance report.

8 (a) Subject to appropriation, CMAP, in consultation with
9 the Northeastern Illinois Water Governance Advisory Committee
10 created under subsection (d), shall develop and submit to the
11 Governor and General Assembly a report containing a regional
12 planning-level assessment of the sufficiency, management, and
13 governance of water resources and drinking water systems in
14 northeastern Illinois. Additionally, the report shall identify
15 policy options to strengthen long-term water security,
16 reliability, affordability, and coordination within the
17 region.

18 The report may draw upon existing studies, publicly
19 available data, and stakeholder input to identify regional
20 trends, risks, and opportunities related to water supply,
21 infrastructure, and governance. The report shall include the
22 following topics as they pertain to the region as defined in
23 Section 10:

1 (1) water supply needs, including any expected changes
2 to water demand and opportunities to conserve or reuse
3 water;

4 (2) potential climate and environmental risks to water
5 supply and infrastructure in the region;

6 (3) a planning-level assessment of factors affecting
7 redundancy and reliability of water infrastructure in the
8 region, including whether water service can be maintained
9 if infrastructure fails;

10 (4) an assessment of technical, managerial, or
11 financial capacity challenges facing water utilities in
12 the region or any combination of those challenges;

13 (5) regional trends in regulatory compliance and water
14 quality;

15 (6) data, information, and coordination necessary for
16 utilities and State agencies to better understand and
17 manage water resources effectively;

18 (7) recommendations for at least 2 governance or
19 collaboration models that could better address water
20 quality, long-term water security, and water affordability
21 in the region, including case studies of examples from
22 other regions and states; and

23 (8) recommendations on ways State agencies and
24 departments could improve data collection, planning,
25 coordination, and regulation of water in the region.

26 (b) The assessment described in subsection (a) shall be

1 submitted to the General Assembly and Governor within 24
2 months of the date of transfer to CMAP of funds appropriated
3 for the purpose of conducting the assessment.

4 (c) To facilitate the creation of the report described in
5 subsection (a), relevant State agencies, universities, and
6 research institutes, including the Environmental Protection
7 Agency, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of
8 Public Health, and the Illinois State Water Survey, shall
9 provide relevant data sets, documentation, and information to
10 CMAP upon request, subject to applicable confidentiality
11 requirements and data-sharing restrictions. Such data shall be
12 provided as soon as practicable.

13 In developing the report, CMAP may request information
14 relevant to this Section from public water systems, utilities,
15 and other stakeholders in the region through surveys,
16 interviews, or other outreach methods to better understand
17 system conditions, infrastructure needs, and operational
18 challenges. Participation in the requests shall be voluntary.

19 CMAP shall safeguard data obtained during this process to
20 prevent unauthorized access, use, disclosure, or alteration;
21 meet or exceed applicable federal and State security
22 standards; and ensure data integrity, availability, and
23 confidentiality.

24 (d) The Northeastern Illinois Water Governance Advisory
25 Committee is created. The membership of the Northeastern
26 Illinois Water Governance Advisory Committee shall include,

1 but shall not be limited to:

2 (1) the Director of the Environmental Protection
3 Agency or the Director's designee;

4 (2) the Director of Natural Resources or the
5 Director's designee;

6 (3) the Director of the Illinois State Water Survey or
7 the Director's designee;

8 (4) the Director of Public Health or the Director's
9 designee;

10 (5) the Governor or the Governor's designee;

11 (6) two members who are representatives of
12 municipalities located within Cook County, at least one of
13 which is a member of the south suburban Mayors and
14 Managers Association, appointed by the President of the
15 Cook County Board of Commissioners;

16 (7) one member who is a representative of a
17 municipality located within DuPage County, appointed by
18 the DuPage County Board Chair;

19 (8) one member who is a representative of a
20 municipality located within Will County, appointed by the
21 Will County Board Chair;

22 (9) one member who is a representative of a
23 municipality located within Lake County, appointed by the
24 Lake County Board Chair;

25 (10) one member who is a representative of a
26 municipality located within Kane County, appointed by the

1 Kane County Board Chair;

2 (11) one member who is a representative of a
3 municipality located within Kendall County, appointed by
4 the Kendall County Board Chair;

5 (12) one member who is a representative of a
6 municipality located within McHenry County, appointed by
7 the McHenry County Board Chair;

8 (13) one member who is a representative from the City
9 of Chicago, appointed by the Mayor of the City of Chicago;

10 (14) two members representing water commissions formed
11 under the Water Commission Act of 1985, Municipal Joint
12 Action Water Agencies formed under Section 3.1 of the
13 Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, or regional water
14 commissions formed under Article 11, Division 135.5 of the
15 Illinois Municipal Code, appointed by the Director of
16 CMAP;

17 (15) one member who is a representative from a public
18 utility, as defined in Section 3-105 of the Public
19 Utilities Act, that provides water service in the State of
20 Illinois, appointed by the Director of CMAP;

21 (16) one member who is a representative of the
22 Illinois environmental protection and conservation
23 community, appointed by the Director of CMAP;

24 (17) one member who is a representative from a
25 nonprofit civic organization, appointed by the Director of
26 CMAP;

1 (18) one member who is a representative from organized
2 labor, appointed by the Director of CMAP;

3 (19) one member representing an environmental justice
4 organization, appointed by the Director of CMAP;

5 (20) one member representing a consumer or utility
6 customer advocacy organization, appointed by the Director
7 of CMAP;

8 (21) one expert in the technical, financial, and
9 managerial capacities of water utilities, appointed by the
10 Director of CMAP; and

11 (22) one expert in the management of regional drinking
12 water or wastewater utilities, appointed by the Director
13 of CMAP.

14 (e) Appointments to the Northeastern Illinois Water
15 Governance Advisory Committee shall be made within 90 days
16 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th
17 General Assembly.

18 (f) Members of the Northeastern Illinois Water Governance
19 Advisory Committee shall serve without compensation.

20 (g) The Northeastern Illinois Water Governance Advisory
21 Committee shall be dissolved on the day after submission of
22 the report described in subsection (a) to the General Assembly
23 and Governor.

24 (h) This Section is repealed on December 31, 2030.