

SB1670



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

15 ILCS 50/5
15 ILCS 50/10
15 ILCS 50/25

Amends the Gubernatorial Boards and Commissions Act. Provides that the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions database shall include an application data field where an applicant may optionally disclose his or her sexual orientation for reporting purposes in applying for appointment to a board or commission. Provides that certain demographic composition information required to be reported to the General Assembly by the Governor shall also include the voluntarily and publicly disclosed sexual orientation of appointees and applicants for appointment by the Governor. Defines "sexual orientation".

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Gubernatorial Boards and Commissions Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 5, 10, and 25 as follows:

6 (15 ILCS 50/5)

7 Sec. 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

8 "Board" means a board authorized or created by executive
9 order of the Governor, statute, or the Illinois Constitution to
10 which the Governor has authority (whether or not exercised) to
11 appoint one or more members.

12 "Commission" means a commission or other body authorized or
13 created by executive order of the Governor, statute, or the
14 Illinois Constitution to which the Governor has authority
15 (whether or not exercised) to appoint one or more members.

16 "Office" means the Governor's Office of Boards and
17 Commissions, or a successor entity within the Governor's
18 administration.

19 "Sexual orientation" shall have the same meaning as in
20 Section 1-103 of the Illinois Human Rights Act.

21 (Source: P.A. 96-543, eff. 8-17-09.)

22 (15 ILCS 50/10)

1 Sec. 10. Repository of board and commission membership;
2 meeting notices.

3 (a) The Office shall establish and maintain on the Internet
4 a centralized, searchable database, freely accessible to the
5 public, of information relating to appointed positions on the
6 State's boards and commissions.

7 The database shall include, at a minimum:

8 (1) The qualifications for, and the powers, duties, and
9 responsibilities of, each appointed position on each of the
10 State's boards and commissions.

11 (2) The name and term of each current appointed member
12 of a board or commission.

13 (3) Each current vacancy in appointed membership of
14 each of the State's boards and commissions.

15 (4) Information as to how a person may apply for
16 appointment to a board or commission, including a uniform
17 application that may be downloaded and printed or that may
18 be submitted electronically. Such application shall
19 include a data field where an applicant shall disclose his
20 or her ethnicity, gender and disability status for
21 reporting purposes. Additionally, such application shall
22 include a data field where an applicant may optionally
23 disclose his or her sexual orientation for reporting
24 purposes.

25 (5) A link to that section of the Secretary of State's
26 website that allows the public to search Statements of

1 Economic Interest filed with the Secretary of State.

2 (b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of
3 this Section, the Office shall establish and maintain on the
4 Internet:

5 (1) a centralized location for an electronic mail
6 listserv for subscribers to receive notices of the meetings
7 of each board and commission and the meeting's agenda; and

8 (2) a listing of the meeting times and agendas for each
9 board and commission.

10 The Office shall send and post meeting notices and agendas
11 pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) at least 48 hours before
12 each meeting. For the purposes of this subsection (b),
13 "electronic mail listserv" means an automatic mailing list
14 server used to manage electronic mail transmissions to a list
15 of subscribers.

16 (Source: P.A. 98-1087, eff. 1-1-15; 99-218, eff. 1-1-16.)

17 (15 ILCS 50/25)

18 Sec. 25. Demographic composition; report. Beginning
19 October 1, 2015 and for each year thereafter, the Governor
20 shall file a report with the General Assembly detailing the
21 following information:

22 (1) the demographic information (ethnicity, gender,
23 and disability status) of each appointment made by the
24 Governor between July 1 of the prior year through June 30
25 of the reporting year. Such demographic information shall

1 also include the voluntarily and publicly disclosed sexual
2 orientation of each appointment;

3 (2) the aggregate demographic information for those
4 persons who applied for an appointment with the Governor's
5 office, but were not appointed between July 1 of the prior
6 year through June 30 of the reporting year. Such aggregate
7 demographic information shall also include the voluntarily
8 and publicly disclosed sexual orientation of those
9 applicants; and

10 (3) the demographic composition of the gubernatorial
11 appointees on each board, commission, and task force as of
12 June 30 of the reporting year. Such demographic composition
13 information shall also include the voluntarily and
14 publicly disclosed sexual orientation of each appointee.

15 The Governor shall electronically publish an annual report
16 detailing the demographic composition of the gubernatorial
17 appointees on each board, commission, and task force as of the
18 date of the report.

19 (Source: P.A. 98-1087, eff. 1-1-15.)