

1 AN ACT concerning government.

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 Asian
5 American Family Commission Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose and objectives. The purpose of the Asian
7 American Family Commission is to advise the Governor and
8 General Assembly, as well as work directly with State agencies,
9 to improve and expand existing policies, services, programs,
10 and opportunities for Asian American families. The Asian
11 American Family Commission shall guide the efforts of and
12 collaborate with State agencies, including: the Department on
13 Aging, the Department of Children and Family Services, the
14 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the
15 Department of Corrections, the Department of Human Services,
16 the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the
17 Department of Public Health, the Department of Transportation,
18 the Department of Employment Security, and others. This shall
19 be achieved primarily by:

20 (1) monitoring and commenting on existing and proposed
21 legislation and programs designed to address the needs of
22 Asian Americans in Illinois;

23 (2) assisting State agencies in developing programs,

1 services, public policies, and research strategies that
2 will expand and enhance the social and economic well-being
3 of Asian American children and families;

4 (3) facilitating the participation of and
5 representation of Asian Americans in the development,
6 implementation, and planning of policies, programs, and
7 services; and

8 (4) promoting research efforts to document the impact
9 of policies and programs on Asian American families.

10 The work of the Asian American Family Commission shall
11 include the use of existing reports, research and planning
12 efforts, procedures, and programs.

13 Section 10. Asian American Family Commission.

14 (a) There is hereby established the Asian American Family
15 Commission.

16 (b) The Asian American Family Commission shall be comprised
17 of 15 members. The Governor, the President of the Senate, the
18 Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of
20 Representatives shall each appoint 3 members to the Commission.
21 Each member shall have working knowledge of human services,
22 community development, or economic public policies in
23 Illinois. The Governor shall appoint the chairperson or
24 chairpersons.

25 (c) Members shall serve 3-year terms, except in the case of

1 initial appointments. Five members, as determined by lot, shall
2 initially be appointed to one-year terms; 5 members shall be
3 appointed to 2-year terms; and 5 members shall be appointed to
4 3-year terms, so that the terms are staggered. Members shall
5 serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for
6 Commission-related expenses.

7 (d) The Department on Aging, the Department of Children and
8 Family Services, the Department of Commerce and Economic
9 Opportunity, the Department of Corrections, the Department of
10 Employment Security, the Department of Human Services, the
11 Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the Department of
12 Public Health, the State Board of Education, the State Board of
13 Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board, the
14 Department of Human Rights, the Capital Development Board, the
15 Department of Labor, and the Department of Transportation shall
16 each appoint a liaison to serve ex officio on the Commission.
17 The Office of the Governor, in cooperation with the State
18 agencies appointing liaisons to the Commission under this
19 subsection (d), shall provide administrative support to the
20 Commission.

21 Section 15. Funding. The Asian American Family Commission
22 may receive funding through specific appropriations available
23 for its purposes made to the Department on Aging, the
24 Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of
25 Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Department of

1 Corrections, the Department of Human Services, the Department
2 of Healthcare and Family Services, the Department of Public
3 Health, the State Board of Education, the State Board of Higher
4 Education, the Illinois Community College Board, the
5 Department of Human Rights, the Capital Development Board, the
6 Department of Labor, and the Department of Transportation.

7 Section 20. Report. The Asian American Family Commission
8 shall annually report to the Governor and the General Assembly
9 on the Commission's progress toward its goals and objectives.