

# SB0871



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/25/2021, by Sen. Don Harmon

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 780/5-3

Amends the Eliminate the Digital Divide Law. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning legislative findings.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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

4 Section 5. The Eliminate the Digital Divide Law is amended  
5 by changing Section 5-3 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 780/5-3)

7 Sec. 5-3. Statement of legislative findings and purposes.

8 The ~~The~~ General Assembly finds that the growth of high  
9 technology industry, including computers, the Internet, and  
10 advanced telecommunications, has created a division in  
11 society. Those who are able to master the tools of the new  
12 digital technology and have access to the technology have  
13 benefited in the form of improved employment possibilities and  
14 a higher standard of life. Those who are unfamiliar with the  
15 new technologies, or do not have access to them, are  
16 increasingly constrained to marginal employment and a standard  
17 of living near the poverty level. This "digital divide"  
18 parallels existing economic, racial, and gender divisions in  
19 society, with the more privileged members of society having  
20 much greater opportunity to benefit from the new technologies  
21 than those who are less favorably situated. It is the purpose  
22 of this Law to establish educational and economic development  
23 initiatives that will bridge the digital divide, making

1 possible a society in which all individuals can benefit from  
2 the opportunities provided by the new technologies.

3 (Source: P.A. 91-704, eff. 7-1-00.)