

SB0142



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Introduced 1/27/2011, by Sen. Iris Y. Martinez

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Foreclosure Prevention and Housing Task Force Act. Creates the Foreclosure Prevention and Housing Task Force to help move all communities in this State towards a direction of economic recovery and rebuilding. Contains provisions concerning the composition of the Task Force; Task Force duties; and reporting requirements. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning housing.

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
5 Foreclosure Prevention and Housing Task Force Act.

6 Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds as follows:

7 (1) The astronomical number of vacant homes and "For Sale"
8 signs in Illinois communities reveal the dramatic impact the
9 current economic crisis has had on homeowners throughout this
10 State. In 2009, Illinois had the eighth-highest foreclosure
11 rate in the country, with new foreclosure filings in the
12 Chicago 6 county region calculated to be over 70,000, up 21%
13 from 2008, according to the Woodstock Institute.

14 (2) The foreclosure and housing crisis is a setback in
15 years of gains Illinoisans had achieved in the frontiers of
16 homeownership and wealth creation. These alarming statistics
17 are the impetus for public intervention that will examine and
18 provide direction on the residential mortgage foreclosure
19 crisis and housing accessibility in this State.

20 (3) Communities throughout this State are in need of
21 additional resources to creatively respond to the detrimental
22 issues caused by the enormous tide of foreclosures and the
23 housing crisis. For the first time, there seems to be a

1 regressive pattern where homeowners are moving towards
2 becoming homeless.

3 (4) Recognizing that solutions are likely as complex as the
4 crisis itself, the goal of this Act is that through the
5 establishment of a Task Force, the General Assembly will help
6 move all communities in this State towards a direction of
7 economic recovery and rebuilding.

8 Section 10. Foreclosure Prevention and Housing Task Force.

9 (a) The Foreclosure Prevention and Housing Task Force is
10 created.

11 (b) The Task Force shall meet to organize and select a
12 chairperson upon appointment of a majority of the members. The
13 chairperson shall be elected by a majority vote of the members
14 appointed to the Task Force. The Task Force shall meet at least
15 4 times a year at the call of the chairperson. Members of the
16 Task Force shall serve without compensation, but may be
17 reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred as a result of
18 their duties as members of the Task Force from funds
19 appropriated by the General Assembly for that purpose.

20 (c) The Task Force shall be comprised of the following
21 members:

22 (1) One member of the Senate appointed by the President
23 of the Senate and one member of the Senate appointed by the
24 Minority Leader of the Senate.

25 (2) One member of the House of Representatives

1 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
2 and one member of the House of Representatives appointed by
3 the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

4 (3) Thirteen members appointed by the Governor as
5 follows:

6 (A) Two representatives of a certified HUD housing
7 organization that provides services to homeowners at
8 risk of losing their home to foreclosure.

9 (B) One representative from academia with a
10 background or expertise in housing trends and
11 financial regulations.

12 (C) One representative of the Division of Banking
13 within the Department of Financial and Professional
14 Regulation.

15 (D) One representative of the Illinois Housing
16 Development Authority's Neighborhood Stabilization
17 Program.

18 (E) One representative of the Office of the
19 Attorney General that works directly with housing
20 subprime lending patterns and the foreclosure
21 mitigation process.

22 (F) One representative of the Department of Human
23 Services' Homeless Prevention Program.

24 (G) One representative of a non-profit legal
25 organization that has experience with the foreclosure
26 process.

1 (H) One person with a background in affordable
2 housing issues.

3 (I) Two persons with a background in housing policy
4 and research.

5 (J) One homeowner who has been impacted by the
6 foreclosure crisis in Illinois.

7 (K) One representative of a local financial or
8 lending institution.

9 (d) Each voting member shall serve for a term of 3 years
10 and until his or her successor is appointed and has qualified.
11 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original
12 appointments.

13 Section 15. Task Force duties. The duties of the Task Force
14 shall include all of the following:

15 (1) Monitor the emerging housing problems in Illinois
16 and make recommendations concerning these issues.

17 (2) Oversee actions to prevent foreclosures and
18 mitigate their impact on local communities.

19 (3) Oversee and provide insight about the rebuilding
20 process caused by the housing crisis and provide a
21 comprehensive and holistic approach to the rebuilding
22 process.

23 (4) Divide the work of the Task Force into 3 primary
24 focus areas as follows:

25 (A) Foreclosure Impact: This area shall be

1 responsible for monitoring the foreclosure activity in
2 Illinois and determining approaches to mitigate the
3 impact on local communities.

4 (B) Housing Education and Outreach: This area
5 shall be responsible for recommending outreach,
6 counseling, and education programs focused on
7 foreclosure prevention and other affordable housing
8 programs needed to stabilize communities in Illinois.

9 (C) Regulatory Reform: This area shall be
10 responsible for reviewing existing Illinois laws and
11 regulations and making appropriate revisions and
12 recommendations for legislative actions.

13 Section 20. Reporting. The Task Force shall submit an
14 annual report to the Department of Human Services, the
15 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, the
16 Illinois Housing Development Authority, and the Office of the
17 Attorney General on or before January 1, 2012 and on or before
18 January 1 of each year thereafter with recommendations for
19 effective policy advisements regarding housing policies and
20 funding mechanisms to address the foreclosure and housing
21 crisis, and shall provide an update on general housing trends
22 affecting the residents in this State.

23 Section 25. Administrative support. The Department of
24 Human Services shall provide administrative and staff support

1 to the Task Force.

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