

# SB2920



## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB2920

Introduced 2/18/2016, by Sen. Toi W. Hutchinson

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

415 ILCS 155/10

Amends the Environmental Justice Act. Provides that the Commission on Environmental Justice shall review any state implementation plan to comply with the United States Environmental Protection Agency Clean Power Plan and provide comments to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency before submittal to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for approval and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency shall respond to the comments and make modifications to the plan in response. Makes changes to the membership of the Commission. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

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

4 Section 5. The Environmental Justice Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 10 as follows:

6 (415 ILCS 155/10)

7 Sec. 10. Commission on Environmental Justice.

8 (a) The Commission on Environmental Justice is established  
9 and consists of the following 26 ~~20~~ voting members:

10 (1) 2 members of the Senate, one appointed by the  
11 President of the Senate and the other by the Minority  
12 Leader of the Senate, each to serve at the pleasure of the  
13 appointing officer;

14 (2) 2 members of the House of Representatives, one  
15 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
16 and the other by the Minority Leader of the House of  
17 Representatives, each to serve at the pleasure of the  
18 appointing officer;

19 (3) the following ex officio members: ~~the Director of~~  
20 ~~Aging or his or her designee,~~ the Director of Commerce and  
21 Economic Opportunity or his or her designee, the Director  
22 of the Environmental Protection Agency or his or her  
23 designee, the Director of Natural Resources or his or her

1           designee, the Director of Public Health or his or her  
2           designee, ~~and~~ the Director of Transportation or his or her  
3           designee, and the Director of the Illinois Power Agency or  
4           his or her designee, the Chair of the Illinois Commerce  
5           Commission or his or her designee, the Chair of the  
6           Illinois Pollution Control Board and his or her designee,  
7           and the director of the Housing office of the Department of  
8           Human Services or his or her designee; and

9           (4) 12 ~~10~~ members appointed by the Governor who  
10          represent the following interests:

11                 (i) affected communities concerned with  
12                 environmental justice;

13                 (ii) business organizations;

14                 (iii) environmental organizations;

15                 (iv) experts on environmental health and  
16                 environmental justice;

17                 (v) units of local government; and

18                 (vi) members of the general public who have an  
19                 interest or expertise in environmental justice.

20          (b) Of the initial members of the Commission appointed by  
21          the Governor, 5 shall serve for a 2-year term and 5 shall serve  
22          for a 1-year term, as designated by the Governor at the time of  
23          appointment. Thereafter, the members appointed by the Governor  
24          shall serve 2-year terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same  
25          manner as appointments. Members of the Commission appointed by  
26          the Governor may not receive compensation for their service on

1 the Commission and are not entitled to reimbursement for  
2 expenses.

3 (c) The Governor shall designate a Chairperson from among  
4 the Commission's members. The Commission shall meet at the call  
5 of the Chairperson, but no later than 90 days after the  
6 effective date of this Act and at least quarterly thereafter.

7 (d) The Commission shall:

8 (1) advise State entities on environmental justice and  
9 related community issues;

10 (2) review and analyze the impact of current State laws  
11 and policies on the issue of environmental justice and  
12 sustainable communities;

13 (3) assess the adequacy of State and local laws to  
14 address the issue of environmental justice and sustainable  
15 communities;

16 (4) develop criteria to assess whether communities in  
17 the State may be experiencing environmental justice  
18 issues; ~~and~~

19 (5) recommend options to the Governor for addressing  
20 issues, concerns, or problems related to environmental  
21 justice that surface after reviewing State laws and  
22 policies, including prioritizing areas of the State that  
23 need immediate attention; and -

24 (6) review any state implementation plan to comply with  
25 the United States Environmental Protection Agency Clean  
26 Power Plan and provide comments to the Illinois

1       Environmental Protection Agency before submittal to the  
2       United States Environmental Protection Agency for approval  
3       and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency shall  
4       respond to the comments and make modifications to the plan  
5       in response.

6       (e) On or before October 1, 2011 and each October 1  
7       thereafter, the Commission shall report its findings and  
8       recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly.

9       (f) The Environmental Protection Agency shall provide  
10      administrative and other support to the Commission.

11      (Source: P.A. 97-391, eff. 8-16-11.)

12      Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
13      becoming law.