

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 24 ~~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 Secretary ~~Director~~ of Transportation or
3 his or her designee, and a representative of the housing
4 office of the Department of Human Services appointed by the
5 Secretary of Human Services; and

6 (4) 14 ~~10~~ members appointed by the Governor who
7 represent the following interests:

8 (i) at least 4 members of affected communities
9 concerned with environmental justice;

10 (ii) at least 2 members of business organizations
11 including one member representing a statewide
12 organization representing manufacturers and one member
13 representing an organization representing the energy
14 sector;

15 (iii) environmental organizations;

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

18 (v) units of local government; ~~and~~

19 (vi) members of the general public who have an
20 interest or expertise in environmental justice; ~~and-~~

21 (vii) at least 2 members of labor organizations
22 including one member from a statewide labor federation
23 representing more than one international union and one
24 member from an organization representing workers in
25 the energy sector.

26 (b) Of the initial members of the Commission appointed by

1 the Governor, 5 shall serve for a 2-year term and 5 shall serve
2 for a 1-year term, as designated by the Governor at the time of
3 appointment. Thereafter, the members appointed by the Governor
4 shall serve 2-year terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same
5 manner as appointments. Members of the Commission appointed by
6 the Governor may not receive compensation for their service on
7 the Commission and are not entitled to reimbursement for
8 expenses.

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

13 (d) The Commission shall:

14 (1) advise State entities on environmental justice and
15 related community issues;

16 (2) review and analyze the impact of current State laws
17 and policies on the issue of environmental justice and
18 sustainable communities;

19 (3) assess the adequacy of State and local laws to
20 address the issue of environmental justice and sustainable
21 communities;

22 (4) develop criteria to assess whether communities in
23 the State may be experiencing environmental justice
24 issues; and

25 (5) recommend options to the Governor for addressing
26 issues, concerns, or problems related to environmental

1 justice that surface after reviewing State laws and
2 policies, including prioritizing areas of the State that
3 need immediate attention.

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

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

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