

1 (b) Muslims are the third largest religious group in the
2 State of Illinois after Roman Catholics and independent
3 Evangelical Christians.

4 (c) It is the public policy of the State of Illinois to
5 promote diversity and to ensure inclusion of all religious,
6 racial, and ethnic groups within this State.

7 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

8 "Council" means the Illinois Muslim American Advisory
9 Council created by this Act.

10 "Muslim" means an individual who practices the religion of
11 Islam.

12 Section 15. The Illinois Muslim American Advisory Council.
13 There is hereby created the Illinois Muslim American Advisory
14 Council. The purpose of the Council is to advise the Governor
15 and the General Assembly on policy issues impacting Muslim
16 Americans and immigrants; to advance the role and civic
17 participation of Muslim Americans in this State; to enhance
18 trade and cooperation between Muslim-majority countries and
19 this State; and to build relationships with and disseminate
20 information to, in cooperation with State agencies, boards, and
21 commissions, Muslim American and immigrant communities across
22 this State.

23 Section 20. Council members.

1 (a) The Council shall consist of 21 members. The Governor
2 shall appoint one member to be the representative of the Office
3 of the Governor. The Governor, the President of the Senate, the
4 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of
5 the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the House of
6 Representatives shall also each appoint 4 public members to the
7 Council. The Governor shall select the chairperson of the
8 Council, from among the members.

9 (b) Appointing authorities shall ensure, to the maximum
10 extent practicable, that the Council is diverse with respect to
11 race, ethnicity, age, gender, and geography.

12 (c) Appointments to the Council shall be persons of
13 recognized ability and experience in one or more of the
14 following areas: higher education, business, international
15 trade, law, social services, human services, immigration,
16 refugee services, community development, or healthcare.

17 (d) Members of the Council shall serve 2-year terms. A
18 member shall serve until his or her successor shall be
19 appointed. Members of the Council shall not be entitled to
20 compensation for their services as members.

21 (e) The following officials shall serve as ex-officio
22 members: the Deputy Director of the Office of Trade and
23 Investment within the Department of Commerce and Economic
24 Opportunity, or his or her designee, and the Chief of the
25 Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Services within the Department
26 of Human Services, or his or her designee. In addition, the

1 Department on Aging, the Department of Children and Family
2 Services, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the
3 Department of Public Health, the Department of Central
4 Management Services, the Board of Education, the Board of
5 Higher Education, and the Community College Board shall each
6 appoint a liaison to serve as an ex-officio member of the
7 Council.

8 (f) The Council may establish committees that address
9 certain issues, including, but not limited to, communications,
10 economic development, and legislative affairs.

11 (g) The Office of the Governor shall provide administrative
12 and technical support to the Council, including a staff member
13 to serve as ethics officer.

14 Section 25. Meetings. The Council shall meet at least once
15 per month. In addition, the Council may hold up to 2 public
16 hearings annually to assist in the development of policy
17 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly. All
18 meetings of the Council shall be conducted in accordance with
19 the Open Meetings Act. Eleven members of the Council shall
20 constitute a quorum.

21 Section 30. Reports. The Council shall issue semi-annual
22 reports on its policy recommendations by June 30th and December
23 31st of each year to the Governor and the General Assembly.

1 Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are
2 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.

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