

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A new overlay area code was recently introduced  
3 in the 847 region, even though fewer than 50% of the phone  
4 numbers in the 847 region are actually being used; and

5 WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC)  
6 currently requires 11-digit dialing when an overlay area code  
7 is implemented; and

8 WHEREAS, The FCC's 11-digit dialing mandate is a needless  
9 inconvenience that is not technologically necessary for  
10 residential and business consumers; and

11 WHEREAS, Residents in the 847 region could once again  
12 dial 7 digits for all local calls if the FCC were to change  
13 its policy on mandatory 11-digit dialing in an overlay  
14 situation; and

15 WHEREAS, The FCC's mandatory 11-digit dialing policy  
16 could soon affect all the residents of Illinois, as the North  
17 American Numbering Plan Administrator claims that every area  
18 code in the State will be out of phone numbers by 2007; and

19 WHEREAS, On December 28, 2001, the FCC reversed its  
20 long-standing opposition to technology and service specific  
21 overlays, signaling that the agency is potentially  
22 reconsidering its area code policies; and

23 WHEREAS, The Citizens Utility Board (CUB) has filed a  
24 petition with the FCC asking the agency to permanently waive  
25 the 11-digit dialing mandate in the 847 region; therefore, be  
26 it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
28 we urge the Federal Communications Commission to grant a  
29 permanent waiver of the 11-digit dialing mandate in the 847  
30 region; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the FCC reconsider its policies that  
2           require 11-digit dialing in an overlay situation and allow  
3           States more flexibility in using conservation tools, such as  
4           number pooling, to stave off the proliferation of unnecessary  
5           new area codes; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7           presented to the Chairman of the FCC and each member of the  
8           Illinois congressional delegation.