

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by adding
5 Section 11-19-15 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/11-19-15 new)

7 Sec. 11-19-15. Municipal Task Force on Recycling
8 Strategies to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

9 (a) Landfills are useful resources for the disposal of
10 discarded materials. Recycling and composting are also useful
11 resources to divert materials from landfills and return
12 discarded materials to the secondary markets thereby
13 generating economic benefits and a reduction in greenhouse gas
14 emissions. The most significant greenhouse gas produced from
15 waste is methane. Methane is released during the breakdown of
16 organic matter in landfills. Waste prevention and recycling
17 help address global climate change by decreasing the amount of
18 greenhouse gas emissions and saves energy according to the
19 United States Environmental Protection Agency.

20 (b) For the purposes of this Section, "Task Force" means
21 the Municipal Task Force on Recycling Strategies to Reduce
22 Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

23 (c) The Municipal Task Force on Recycling Strategies to

1 Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions is hereby created to review the
2 status of municipal policies and programs that reduce
3 greenhouse gas emissions nationally and internationally. The
4 goals of the Task Force are to investigate and provide
5 recommendations on municipal initiatives to reduce greenhouse
6 gas emissions in a manner that protects the environment and
7 public health, to promote economic development through
8 recycling, and to calculate greenhouse gas reductions based on
9 recycling and composting.

10 The Task Force's review shall include, but not be limited
11 to, initiatives that divert the following materials from
12 landfills in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions: carpet,
13 corrugated containers, office paper, aluminum cans, newspaper,
14 magazines, polyethylene terephthalate and high-density
15 polyethylene plastics, steel cans, dimensional lumber, and
16 food scrap. The review shall consider the amount of greenhouse
17 gas that can be reduced by recycling or composting such
18 materials. The review shall also evaluate the extent to which
19 greenhouse gas reduction projects benefit the public health and
20 provide economic value.

21 The Task Force shall prepare a report that summarizes its
22 work and makes recommendations resulting from its review. The
23 Task Force shall submit the report of its findings and
24 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no
25 later than one year after the effective date of this amendatory
26 Act of the 100th General Assembly.

1 The Task Force shall consist of the following 14 members:

2 (1) the Director of the Environmental Protection
3 Agency or his or her representative;

4 (2) four persons appointed by the Director of the
5 Environmental Protection Agency to represent
6 municipalities, one of whom must reside in a municipality
7 with a population of more than 1,000,000;

8 (3) two persons appointed by the Director of the
9 Environmental Protection Agency to represent environmental
10 organizations;

11 (4) four persons appointed by the Director of the
12 Environmental Protection Agency to represent recyclers and
13 composters;

14 (5) one person appointed by the Director of the
15 Environmental Protection Agency to support administrative
16 planning and to draft the findings and recommendations of
17 the Task Force;

18 (6) one person appointed by the Director of the
19 Environmental Protection Agency to represent a national
20 waste and recycling organization; and

21 (7) one person appointed by the Director of the
22 Environmental Protection Agency to represent a statewide
23 manufacturing trade association.

24 The Director of the Environmental Protection Agency, or his
25 or her representative, shall chair and facilitate the Task
26 Force. The members of the Task Force shall be appointed no

1 later than 90 days after the effective date of this amendatory
2 Act of the 100th General Assembly. Vacancies in the membership
3 of the Task Force shall be filled in the same manner as the
4 original appointment. The members of the Task Force shall not
5 receive compensation for serving as members of the Task Force.

6 The Environmental Protection Agency shall provide the Task
7 Force with administrative and other support.

8 This Section is repealed 2 years after the effective date
9 of this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly.