

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/20-110

Amends the Retail Electric Competition Act of 2006 of the Public Utilities Act. Provides that any information in the report submitted by the Office of Retail Market Development on June 30 of each year involving price comparison between electric utilities, electric utilities providing service outside their service territories, or alternative retail electric suppliers shall also include the combined value of certain additional products and services offered by the competitive retail electricity market. Provides that the Illinois Commerce Commission may include other energy savings and marketing savings programs as they develop in the market.

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AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by changing
Section 20-110 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/20-110)

7 Sec. 20-110. Office of Retail Market Development. Within 90 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 8 9 94th General Assembly, subject to appropriation, the Commission shall establish an Office of Retail Market 10 Development and employ on its staff a Director of Retail Market 11 Development to oversee the Office. The Director shall have 12 13 authority to employ or otherwise retain at least 2 14 professionals dedicated to the task of actively seeking out ways to promote retail competition in Illinois to benefit all 15 16 Illinois consumers.

The Office shall actively seek input from all interested parties and shall develop a thorough understanding and critical analyses of the tools and techniques used to promote retail competition in other states.

The Office shall monitor existing competitive conditions in Illinois, identify barriers to retail competition for all customer classes, and actively explore and propose to the - 2 - LRB101 07784 JRG 52834 b

1 Commission and to the General Assembly solutions to overcome 2 identified barriers. The Director may include municipal 3 aggregation of customers and creating and designing customer 4 choice programs as tools for retail market development. 5 Solutions proposed by the Office to promote retail competition 6 must also promote safe, reliable, and affordable electric 7 service.

On or before June 30 of each year, the Director shall 8 9 submit a report to the Commission, the General Assembly, and 10 the Governor, that details specific accomplishments achieved 11 by the Office in the prior 12 months in promoting retail 12 electric competition and that suggests administrative and 13 legislative action necessary to promote further improvements 14 in retail electric competition. Any information in this report involving price comparisons between electric utilities, 15 electric utilities providing service outside their service 16 17 territories, or alternative retail electric suppliers shall also include the combined value of additional products and 18 19 services offered by the competitive retail electricity market, 20 including, but not limited to, the cash value of energy control technologies provided, the megawatt hours of energy savings 21 22 realized by customers utilizing energy control technologies, 23 the megawatt hours of renewable energy exclusive of State mandated purchases, and the total amounts of cash or cash 24 25 equivalent offers. The Commission may include other energy savings and marketing savings programs as they develop in the 26

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- 1 <u>market.</u>
- 2 (Source: P.A. 94-1095, eff. 2-2-07.)