



1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Information technology can transform the way in
3 which government serves its constituents and conducts its
4 operations, but that transformation is not without cost; and

5 WHEREAS, Electronic digitalization and other advances have
6 revolutionized such essential government actions as obtaining
7 signatures, date and time stamping, notarizing and serving
8 legal documents, and record keeping and auditing; and

9 WHEREAS, The Electronic Commerce Security Act, 5 ILCS 175/,
10 authorizes State and local governments to participate in the
11 paper-free environment of an electronically digitalized work
12 environment, but most public agencies face obstacles to that
13 transition; and

14 WHEREAS, Many public agencies lack both the funding and
15 expertise to purchase or upgrade the necessary equipment and
16 skillfully operate that equipment in order to assure consistent
17 and uninterrupted public service; and

18 WHEREAS, Public agencies also have concerns about meeting
19 their statutory duties and their need to serve citizens not
20 fully at ease with standard information technology, such as the
21 elderly and disabled; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
24 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that a task force is established to
25 study the costs and feasibility of transforming Illinois
26 government into a digital government at both the State and
27 local levels; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the task force shall consist of 8 members
29 appointed 2 each by the Speaker and Minority Leader of the

1 House of Representatives and the President and Minority Leader
2 of the Senate, and that the task force may request the
3 participation of representatives of the Governor, the
4 Department of Central Management Services, the Illinois
5 Technology Board of Advisors, and the Secretary of State; and
6 be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the task force shall report its findings to
8 the General Assembly before the convening of the 2004 veto
9 session of the General Assembly.