

1 AN ACT concerning flood control.

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

4 Section 5. The Flood Control Act of 1945 is amended by  
5 adding Section 8.5 as follows:

6 (615 ILCS 15/8.5 new)

7 Sec. 8.5. Flood Control Commission.

8 (a) The Flood Control Commission is created to study  
9 current flood control practices along the natural and  
10 artificial waterways within DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and  
11 Will County. The goal of the Commission is to mitigate future  
12 flooding events and prevent property damage and threats to  
13 public health.

14 (b) The Commission shall consist of the following members:

15 (1) 5 members appointed by the President of the Senate;

16 (2) 5 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
17 Senate;

18 (3) 5 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
19 Representatives;

20 (4) 5 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
21 House of Representatives;

22 (5) one member from the DuPage County Stormwater  
23 Management Planning Committee;

1           (6) one member from the Kane County Stormwater  
2           Management Planning Committee;

3           (7) one member from the Lake County Stormwater  
4           Management Planning Committee;

5           (8) one member from the McHenry County Stormwater  
6           Management Planning Committee;

7           (9) one member from the Will County Stormwater  
8           Management Planning Committee;

9           (10) one member from a municipality in each of the  
10          following counties: (i) DuPage County; (ii) Kane County;  
11          (iii) Lake County; (iv) McHenry County; and (v) Will  
12          County;

13          (11) the Director of Natural Resources or his or her  
14          designee; and

15          (12) the Governor or his or her designee.

16          (c) The Commission shall catalog current shortfalls in  
17          existing flood control practices. The Commission shall make  
18          suggestions for the improvement of such practices, including,  
19          but not limited to, the expenditure of State funds to improve  
20          current infrastructure.

21          (d) The Commission shall conduct a survey and submit a  
22          report of the survey to the General Assembly by December 31,  
23          2019. The report shall include, but is not limited to, the  
24          following information:

25                 (1) the extent and character of the areas affected;

26                 (2) the hydrology of the area affected, including

1 rainfall and run-off, frequency and severity of floods, and  
2 frequency and degree of low-flows;

3 (3) flood damages to rural property, growing crops,  
4 urban property, industrial property, and communications,  
5 including highways, railways, and waterways;

6 (4) the probable effect upon any navigable water or  
7 waterway;

8 (5) the possible economic development and utilization  
9 of water power;

10 (6) the possible economic reclamation and drainage of  
11 the bottomland and upland areas;

12 (7) any other allied uses that may be properly related  
13 to or coordinated with the project, including, but not  
14 limited to, any benefits for the public water supply uses,  
15 public recreation uses, or wildlife conservation; and

16 (8) the estimated cost of the improvement and a  
17 statement of special or local benefit that will accrue to  
18 localities affected by the improvement and a statement of  
19 general or statewide benefits, with recommendations as to  
20 what local cooperation, participation, and cost sharing  
21 shall be required, if any, on account of the special or  
22 local benefit.

23 (e) The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning shall  
24 provide information to the Commission upon request.

25 (f) The Department of Natural Resources shall provide  
26 administrative support to the Commission.

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(g) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2021.