

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Lake Michigan Wind Energy Act is amended by
5 changing Section 20 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 896/20)

7 Sec. 20. Offshore Wind Energy Economic Development Policy
8 Task Force.

9 (a) The Governor shall convene an Offshore Wind Energy
10 Economic Development Policy Task Force, to be chaired by the
11 Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, or his or her
12 designee, to analyze and evaluate policy and economic options
13 to facilitate the development of offshore wind energy, and to
14 propose an appropriate Illinois mechanism for purchasing and
15 selling power from possible offshore wind energy projects. The
16 Task Force shall examine mechanisms used in other states and
17 jurisdictions, including, without limitation, feed-in tariffs,
18 renewable energy certificates, renewable energy certificate
19 carve-outs, power purchase agreements, and pilot projects. The
20 Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
21 Governor and General Assembly within 12 months of convening ~~by~~
22 ~~December 31, 2013.~~

23 (b) The Director of the Illinois Power Agency (or his or

1 her designee), the Executive Director of the Illinois Commerce
2 Commission (or his or her designee), the Director of Natural
3 Resources (or his or her designee), and the Attorney General
4 (or his or her designee) shall serve as ex officio members of
5 the Task Force.

6 (c) The Governor shall appoint within 90 days of the
7 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General
8 Assembly, the following public members to serve on the Task
9 Force:

10 (1) one individual from an institution of higher
11 education in Illinois representing the discipline of
12 economics with experience in the study of renewable energy;

13 (2) one individual representing an energy industry
14 with experience in renewable energy markets;

15 (3) one individual representing a Statewide consumer
16 or electric ratepayer organization;

17 (4) one individual representing the offshore wind
18 energy industry;

19 (5) one individual representing the wind energy supply
20 chain industry;

21 (6) one individual representing an Illinois electrical
22 cooperative, municipal electrical utility, or association
23 of such cooperatives or utilities;

24 (7) one individual representing an Illinois industrial
25 union involved in the construction, maintenance, or
26 transportation of electrical generation, distribution, or

1 transmission equipment or components;

2 (8) one individual representing an Illinois commercial
3 or industrial electrical consumer;

4 (9) one individual representing an Illinois public
5 education electrical consumer;

6 (10) one individual representing an independent
7 transmission company;

8 (11) one individual from the Illinois legal community
9 with experience in contracts, utility law, municipal law,
10 and constitutional law;

11 (12) one individual representing a Great Lakes
12 regional organization with experience assessing or
13 studying wind energy;

14 (13) one individual representing a Statewide
15 environmental organization;

16 (14) one resident of the State representing an
17 organization advocating for persons of low or limited
18 incomes;

19 (15) one individual representing Argonne National
20 Laboratory; and

21 (16) one individual representing a local community
22 that has aggregated the purchase of electricity.

23 (d) The Governor may appoint additional public members to
24 the Task Force.

25 (e) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Minority
26 Leader of the House of Representatives, Senate President, and

1 Minority Leader of the Senate shall each appoint one member of
2 the General Assembly to serve on the Task Force.

3 (f) Members of the Task Force shall serve without
4 compensation.

5 (Source: P.A. 98-447, eff. 8-16-13; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.