

# HB5237



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB5237

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 605/605-1045 new

Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall establish criteria and guidelines for State-designated cultural districts. Specifies powers and duties of the Department. Provides requirements concerning certification of State-designated cultural districts. Provides State-designated cultural district reporting requirements. Defines "State-designated cultural district".

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A BILL FOR

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 Department of Commerce and Economic  
5 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
6 amended by adding Section 605-1045 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-1045 new)

8 Sec. 605-1045. State-designated cultural districts.

9 (a) As used in this Section, "State-designated cultural  
10 district" means a geographical area certified under this  
11 Section that has a distinct, historic, and cultural identity  
12 that does any of the following:

13 (1) Promotes a distinct historic and cultural  
14 community.

15 (2) Encourages economic development and supports  
16 entrepreneurship in the geographic area and community.

17 (3) Encourages the preservation of historic and  
18 culturally significant structures, traditions, and  
19 languages.

20 (4) Fosters local cultural development and education.

21 (5) Provides a focal point for celebrating and  
22 strengthening the unique cultural identity of the  
23 community.

1           (6) Promotes growth and opportunity without generating  
2           displacement or expanding inequality.

3           (b) The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
4           shall establish criteria and guidelines for State-designated  
5           cultural districts by rule. In executing its powers and duties  
6           under this Section, the Department shall:

7           (1) establish a competitive application system by  
8           which a community may apply for certification as a  
9           State-designated cultural district;

10           (2) provide technical assistance for State-designated  
11           cultural districts in identifying and achieving their  
12           goals for cultural preservation, including, but not  
13           limited to, promotional support of State-designated  
14           cultural districts; and

15           (3) collaborate with other State agencies, units of  
16           local government, community organizations, and private  
17           entities to maximize the benefits of State-designated  
18           cultural districts.

19           (c) A geographical area within the State may be certified  
20           as a State-designated cultural district by applying to the  
21           Department for certification. Certification as a  
22           State-designated cultural district shall be for a period of 5  
23           years, after which the district may renew certification every 3  
24           years.

25           (d) Within 12 months after being designated a cultural  
26           district, the State-designated cultural district shall submit

1 a report to the Department detailing its current programs and  
2 goals for the next 4 years of its designation. For each year  
3 thereafter that the district remains a State-designated  
4 cultural district, it shall submit a report to the Department  
5 on the status of the program and future goals of the district.