



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5831

Introduced 11/10/2020, by Rep. André Thapedi

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

- 65 ILCS 5/Art. 11 Div. 15.3 heading
- 65 ILCS 5/11-15.3-5 new
- 65 ILCS 5/11-15.3-10 new
- 65 ILCS 5/11-15.3-15 new

Amends the Wind Farm Division of the Illinois Municipal Code. Changes the name of the Division to the Alternative Energy and Storage Division. Allows a municipality to own and operate a photovoltaic generation farm, energy storage facility, or biomass-fired combined heat and power plant that directly or indirectly reduces the energy or other operating costs of the municipality. Allows a municipality to ask for the assistance of any State agency in obtaining financing options for such operations. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
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HOUSING
AFFORDABILITY
IMPACT NOTE ACT
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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
5 changing the heading of Division 15.3 of Article 11 and by
6 adding Sections 11-15.3-5, 11-15.3-10, and 11-15.3-15 as
7 follows:

8 (65 ILCS 5/Art. 11 Div. 15.3 heading)

9 DIVISION 15.3. ALTERNATIVE ENERGY AND STORAGE ~~WIND FARMS~~

10 (Source: P.A. 96-328, eff. 8-11-09.)

11 (65 ILCS 5/11-15.3-5 new)

12 Sec. 11-15.3-5. Photovoltaic farms. A municipality may own
13 and operate a photovoltaic generation farm, either
14 individually or jointly with another unit of local government,
15 school district, or community college district that is
16 authorized to own and operate a photovoltaic generation farm,
17 that directly or indirectly reduces the energy or other
18 operating costs of the municipality. The municipality may ask
19 for the assistance of any State agency, including, without
20 limitation, the Department of Commerce and Economic
21 Opportunity, the Illinois Power Agency, or the Environmental
22 Protection Agency, in obtaining financing options for a

1 photovoltaic generation farm.

2 (65 ILCS 5/11-15.3-10 new)

3 Sec. 11-15.3-10. Energy storage facility. A municipality
4 may own and operate an energy storage facility, either
5 individually or jointly with another unit of local government,
6 school district, or community college district that is
7 authorized to own and operate an energy storage facility, that
8 directly or indirectly reduces the energy or other operating
9 costs of the municipality. The municipality may ask for the
10 assistance of any State agency, including, without limitation,
11 the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the
12 Illinois Power Agency, or the Environmental Protection Agency,
13 in obtaining financing options for an energy storage facility.

14 (65 ILCS 5/11-15.3-15 new)

15 Sec. 11-15.3-15. Biomass-fired combined heat and power
16 plant. A municipality may own and operate a biomass-fired
17 combined heat and power plant, either individually or jointly
18 with another unit of local government, school district, or
19 community college district that is authorized to own and
20 operate a biomass-fired combined heat and power plant, that
21 directly or indirectly reduces the energy or other operating
22 costs of the municipality. The municipality may ask for the
23 assistance of any State agency, including, without limitation,
24 the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the

1 Illinois Power Agency, or the Environmental Protection Agency,
2 in obtaining financing options for a biomass-fired combined
3 heat and power plant.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.