



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

765 ILCS 165/10  
765 ILCS 165/20  
765 ILCS 165/30  
765 ILCS 165/45

Amends the Homeowners' Energy Policy Statement Act. Changes the definition of "solar storage mechanism" to include batteries. Provides that the entity may determine the specific configuration of the elements of a solar energy system on a given roof face, provided that it may not prohibit elements of the system from being installed on any roof face and that any such determination may not reduce the production of the solar energy system by more than 10% (rather than specific location where a solar energy system may be installed on the roof within an orientation to the south or within 45 degrees east or west of due south provided that the determination does not impair the effective operation of the solar energy system). Provides that within 60 (rather than 120) days after a homeowners' association, common interest community association, or condominium unit owners' association receives a request for a policy statement or an application from an association member, the association shall adopt an energy policy statement. Provides that whenever approval is required for the installation or use of a solar energy system, the application for approval shall be processed by the appropriate approving entity of the association within 60 (rather than 90) days of (rather than after) the submission of the application. Provides that the Act shall not apply to any building that is greater than 60 (rather than 30) feet high.

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1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

4 Section 5. The Homeowners' Energy Policy Statement Act is  
5 amended by changing Sections 10, 20, 30, and 45 as follows:

6 (765 ILCS 165/10)

7 Sec. 10. Definitions. In this Act:

8 "Solar energy" means radiant energy received from the sun  
9 at wave lengths suitable for heat transfer, photosynthetic  
10 use, or photovoltaic use.

11 "Solar collector" means:

12 (1) an assembly, structure, or design, including  
13 passive elements, used for gathering, concentrating, or  
14 absorbing direct and indirect solar energy, specially  
15 designed for holding a substantial amount of useful  
16 thermal energy and to transfer that energy to a gas,  
17 solid, or liquid or to use that energy directly; or

18 (2) a mechanism that absorbs solar energy and converts  
19 it into electricity; or

20 (3) a mechanism or process used for gathering solar  
21 energy through wind or thermal gradients; or

22 (4) a component used to transfer thermal energy to a  
23 gas, solid, or liquid, or to convert it into electricity.

1 "Solar storage mechanism" means equipment or elements  
2 (such as piping and transfer mechanisms, containers, heat  
3 exchangers, batteries, or controls thereof, and gases, solids,  
4 liquids, or combinations thereof) that are utilized for  
5 storing solar energy, gathered by a solar collector, for  
6 subsequent use.

7 "Solar energy system" means:

8 (1) a complete assembly, structure, or design of solar  
9 collector, or a solar storage mechanism, which uses solar  
10 energy for generating electricity or for heating or  
11 cooling gases, solids, liquids, or other materials; and

12 (2) the design, materials, or elements of a system and  
13 its maintenance, operation, and labor components, and the  
14 necessary components, if any, of supplemental conventional  
15 energy systems designed or constructed to interface with a  
16 solar energy system.

17 (Source: P.A. 96-1436, eff. 1-1-11.)

18 (765 ILCS 165/20)

19 Sec. 20. Deed restrictions; covenants. No deed  
20 restrictions, covenants, or similar binding agreements running  
21 with the land shall prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting  
22 a solar energy system from being installed on a building  
23 erected on a lot or parcel covered by the deed restrictions,  
24 covenants, or binding agreements, if the building is subject  
25 to a homeowners' association, common interest community

1 association, or condominium unit owners' association. A  
2 property owner may not be denied permission to install a solar  
3 energy system by any entity granted the power or right in any  
4 deed restriction, covenant, or similar binding agreement to  
5 approve, forbid, control, or direct alteration of property.  
6 However, for purposes of this Act, the entity may determine  
7 the specific configuration of the elements of a solar energy  
8 system on a given roof face, provided that it may not prohibit  
9 elements of the system from being installed on any roof face  
10 and that any such determination may not reduce the production  
11 of the solar energy system by more than 10%. For the purposes  
12 of this Section, "production" means the estimated annual  
13 electrical production of the solar energy system ~~specific~~  
14 ~~location where a solar energy system may be installed on the~~  
15 ~~roof within an orientation to the south or within 45 degrees~~  
16 ~~east or west of due south provided that the determination does~~  
17 ~~not impair the effective operation of the solar energy system.~~  
18 Within 60 ~~120~~ days after a homeowners' association, common  
19 interest community association, or condominium unit owners'  
20 association receives a request for a policy statement or an  
21 application from an association member, the association shall  
22 adopt an energy policy statement regarding: (i) the location,  
23 design, and architectural requirements of solar energy  
24 systems; and (ii) whether a wind energy collection, rain water  
25 collection, or composting system is allowed, and, if so, the  
26 location, design, and architectural requirements of those

1 systems. An association shall disclose, upon request, its  
2 energy policy statement and shall include the statement in its  
3 homeowners' common interest community, or condominium unit  
4 owners' association declaration.

5 (Source: P.A. 96-1436, eff. 1-1-11; 97-105, eff. 1-1-12.)

6 (765 ILCS 165/30)

7 Sec. 30. Application for approval. Whenever approval is  
8 required for the installation or use of a solar energy system,  
9 the application for approval shall be processed by the  
10 appropriate approving entity of the association within 60 ~~90~~  
11 days of ~~after~~ the submission of the application. However, if  
12 an application is submitted before an energy policy statement  
13 is adopted by an association, the 60-day ~~90-day~~ period shall  
14 not begin to run until the date that the policy is adopted.

15 (Source: P.A. 96-1436, eff. 1-1-11.)

16 (765 ILCS 165/45)

17 Sec. 45. Inapplicability. This Act shall not apply to any  
18 building which is greater than 60 ~~30~~ feet in height.

19 (Source: P.A. 96-1436, eff. 1-1-11.)