



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB2926

Introduced 2/19/2021, by Rep. Deanne M. Mazzochi

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/Art. XXIII heading new  
220 ILCS 5/23-100 new  
220 ILCS 5/23-101 new  
220 ILCS 5/23-105 new

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Creates the Public Utility Infrastructure Hardening and Protection Law as a new Article in the Public Utilities Act. Provides that the Illinois Commerce Commission shall present to the General Assembly, no later than December 31, 2023, an identification of critical infrastructure that is essential to provide public utility services to the people of Illinois and related information.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding  
5 Article XXIII as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/Art. XXIII heading new)

7 ARTICLE XXIII. PUBLIC UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE HARDENING AND  
8 PROTECTION LAW

9 (220 ILCS 5/23-100 new)

10 Sec. 23-100. Short title. This Article may be cited as the  
11 Public Utility Infrastructure Hardening and Protection Law.

12 (220 ILCS 5/23-101 new)

13 Sec. 23-101. Findings. The General Assembly finds that:

14 (1) Public utilities represent a critical aspect of  
15 infrastructure and the economic and material well-being for  
16 the residents of the State of Illinois. The economy in the  
17 State of Illinois will be enhanced by investment in public  
18 utility infrastructure that takes additional measures to  
19 harden infrastructure against natural disasters and foreign  
20 interference.

21 (2) It also is essential to ensure a reliable domestic

1 supply of critical infrastructure components and sources of  
2 raw materials for public utilities that will support Illinois'  
3 performance as a national transportation and logistics hub for  
4 the nation. This includes infrastructure essential to modern  
5 life, including pipelines, communications lines, utility  
6 lines, electricity supply and transmission lines, and the  
7 mechanical, electronic, and energy systems that support them.

8 (3) The General Assembly needs critical, relevant,  
9 truthful, and timely information and strategic planning to  
10 ensure that the Illinois public utilities grid is robust,  
11 reinforced, and modernized for continuous improvement and  
12 efficacy.

13 (220 ILCS 5/23-105 new)

14 Sec. 23-105. Identification of critical infrastructure.  
15 The Illinois Commerce Commission shall provide to the General  
16 Assembly, no later than December 31, 2023, an identification  
17 of:

18 (1) critical infrastructure that is essential to  
19 provide public utility services to the people of Illinois;

20 (2) the age of such critical infrastructure;

21 (3) a proposed strategic plan for capital investment  
22 (whether public or private) for the next 20 years in such  
23 critical infrastructure to modernize it, improve it, and  
24 harden it or otherwise improve its resiliency to  
25 continuing operation in the face of natural disasters,

1 acts of God, acts of sabotage, or acts of subversion;

2 (4) potential funding sources for the capital  
3 investment in such infrastructure;

4 (5) vulnerabilities in the supply chain needed to  
5 build, operate, and maintain such infrastructure;

6 (6) an identification of domestic sources for all  
7 critical pieces needed to operate and maintain the  
8 existing public utility grids, including communications  
9 systems;

10 (7) whether any critical elements needed to operate  
11 and maintain the existing public utility services require  
12 reliance on foreign-sourced equipment involving a nation  
13 perceived to be hostile to United States interests or  
14 involve companies whose ownership interests are tied to a  
15 foreign nation perceived to be hostile to United States  
16 interests;

17 (8) procurement challenges that are expected or  
18 envisioned over the course of the next 10 years in  
19 connection with the energy supply for the State of  
20 Illinois and that involve public utilities; and

21 (9) obstacles in Illinois law, if any, that are  
22 preventing or slowing the provision of essential public  
23 utilities to the people of the State of Illinois or  
24 capital investment therein.