

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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Illinois Asian Indian American Advisory Council Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Asian Indian" means a person descended from any of the
8 countries of the subcontinent that are not primarily Muslim in
9 character, including India, Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

10 "Council" means the Illinois Asian Indian American
11 Advisory Council created by this Act.

12 Section 10. Illinois Asian Indian American Advisory
13 Council. There is hereby created the Illinois Asian Indian
14 American Advisory Council. The purpose of the Council is to
15 advise the Governor and the General Assembly on policy issues
16 impacting Asian Indian Americans and immigrants; to advance
17 the role and civic participation of Asian Indian Americans in
18 this State; to enhance trade and cooperation between Asian
19 Indian-majority countries and this State; and to build
20 relationships with and disseminate information to, in
21 cooperation with State agencies, boards, and commissions,
22 Asian Indian American and immigrant communities across this

1 State.

2 Section 15. Council members.

3 (a) The Council shall consist of 21 members. The Governor
4 shall appoint one member to be the representative of the
5 Office of the Governor, who shall act as the chairperson of the
6 Council. The Governor, the President of the Senate, the
7 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader
8 of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the House of
9 Representatives shall also each appoint 4 public members to
10 the Council.

11 (b) Appointing authorities shall ensure, to the maximum
12 extent practicable, that the Council is diverse with respect
13 to race, ethnicity, age, gender, and geography.

14 (c) Appointments to the Council shall be persons of
15 recognized ability and experience in one or more of the
16 following areas: higher education, business, international
17 trade, law, social services, human services, immigration,
18 refugee services, community development, or healthcare.

19 (d) Members of the Council shall serve 2-year terms. A
20 member shall serve until his or her successor shall be
21 appointed. Members of the Council shall not be entitled to
22 compensation for their services as members.

23 (e) The following officials shall serve as ex officio
24 members: the Deputy Director of the Office of Trade and
25 Investment within the Department of Commerce and Economic

1 Opportunity, or his or her designee, and the Chief of the
2 Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Services within the Department
3 of Human Services, or his or her designee.

4 The following State agencies shall also each appoint a
5 liaison to serve as ex officio members of the Council: the
6 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the
7 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, the
8 Department of Human Services, the Department on Aging, the
9 Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of
10 Healthcare and Family Services, the Department of Public
11 Health, the Department of Central Management Services, the
12 Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois Board of
13 Higher Education, and the Illinois Community College Board.

14 (f) The Council may establish committees that address
15 certain issues, including, but not limited to, communications,
16 economic development, and legislative affairs.

17 (g) The Office of the Governor shall provide
18 administrative and technical support to the Council, including
19 a staff member to serve as ethics officer.

20 Section 20. Meetings. The Council shall meet at least once
21 per each calendar quarter. In addition, the Council may hold
22 up to 2 public hearings annually to assist in the development
23 of policy recommendations to the Governor and the General
24 Assembly. All meetings of the Council shall be conducted in
25 accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Eleven members of the

1 Council shall constitute a quorum.

2 Section 25. Reports.

3 (a) The Council shall issue semi-annual reports on its
4 policy recommendations by June 30th and December 31st of each
5 year to the Governor and the General Assembly.

6 (b) The reports on policy recommendations shall focus on,
7 but are not limited to, the following: (i) policy issues
8 impacting Asian Indian Americans and immigrants; (ii)
9 advancement of the role and civic participation of Asian
10 Indian Americans in this State; (iii) enhancement of trade and
11 cooperation between Asian Indian-majority countries and this
12 State; and (iv) building relationships with and disseminating
13 information to, in cooperation with State agencies, boards,
14 and commissions, Asian Indian American and immigrant
15 communities across this State.