

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 Legislative Accessibility Act.

6 Section 5. General Assembly accessibility.

7 (a) The General Assembly shall make efforts to increase
8 the accessibility of the General Assembly for people with
9 disabilities.

10 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
11 President of the Senate shall each appoint an accessibility
12 coordinator who, in consultation with the Architect of the
13 Capitol, shall be responsible for addressing accessibility
14 needs for his or her corresponding house.

15 (c) The Illinois General Assembly website shall include
16 either an email address, web form, or other similar mechanism
17 to request reasonable accommodations to meet the accessibility
18 needs of people with disabilities attending legislative
19 events, including, but not limited to, all hearings and floor
20 proceedings.

21 Section 10. General Assembly Accessibility Task Force.

22 (a) There is hereby established the General Assembly

1 Accessibility Task Force.

2 (b) The President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of
3 Representatives, Minority Leader of the Senate, and Minority
4 Leader of the House of Representatives shall each appoint 2
5 members to the Task Force. The President of the Senate and the
6 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly appoint
7 the chair of the Task Force. Appointees shall include persons
8 who self-identify as having a disability or advocates for such
9 persons. In addition, the following State officials shall
10 serve on the Task Force as ex officio members: (i) the
11 Secretary of State or his or her designee; (ii) the Secretary
12 of the Senate or his or her designee; (iii) the Clerk of the
13 House of Representatives or his or her designee; (iv) the
14 Assistant Secretary of the Senate or his or her designee; and
15 (v) the Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives or his
16 or her designee.

17 (c) The Task Force shall convene as soon as practicable
18 after the effective date of this Act, and shall hold at least 2
19 meetings. Members and ex officio members of the Task Force
20 shall serve without compensation. The Architect of the Capitol
21 shall provide administrative and other support to the Task
22 Force.

23 (d) The Task Force shall examine issues concerning
24 accessibility of the General Assembly to persons with a
25 disability. No later than December 31, 2023, the Task Force
26 shall issue recommendations to the General Assembly on what

1 measures can be taken to increase the accessibility of the
2 General Assembly to persons with a disability.

3 (e) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2025.

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