



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB3179

Introduced 1/13/2022, by Sen. Scott M. Bennett

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
20 ILCS 1128/Act rep.

Creates the Illinois Center for Geographic Information Act. Creates the Illinois Center for Geographic Information within the Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois. Provides that the Center shall evaluate proposals, in consultation with an Intergovernmental Advisory Committee, and make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on the efficient development, use, and funding of geographic information management technology for State, regional, local, and academic agencies and institutions. Provides that the Prairie Research Institute shall form an Intergovernmental Advisory Committee that shall serve in an advisory capacity for the Center. Provides that the Center shall engage with interested stakeholders throughout the State. Provides that the Center shall have the authority to initiate and enter into intergovernmental data sharing agreements on behalf of the State for the benefit of geographic information coordination. Repeals the Illinois Geographic Information Council Act. Effective immediately.

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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 Center for Geographic Information Act.

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

7 "Center" means the Illinois Center for Geographic
8 Information.

9 "Committee" means the Intergovernmental Advisory
10 Committee.

11 Section 10. Illinois Center for Geographic Information.
12 Subject to appropriation, the Illinois Center for Geographic
13 Information is created within the Prairie Research Institute
14 at the University of Illinois. The general management,
15 control, and operation of the Center shall be within the
16 University of Illinois. The University of Illinois may provide
17 for a Geographic Information Officer to manage the Center and
18 designate his or her duties and compensation.

19 Section 15. Purpose.

20 (a) The Center shall evaluate proposals, in consultation
21 with the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee, and make

1 recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on the
2 efficient development, use, and funding of geographic
3 information management technology for State, regional, local,
4 and academic agencies and institutions. Proposals shall
5 include:

6 (1) standards for the collection (geodetic),
7 maintenance, dissemination, and documentation of spatial
8 data, consistent with established and ongoing development
9 of national standards and guidelines when applicable;

10 (2) funding strategies that encourage and support the
11 use of geographic information management technology at
12 local levels of government;

13 (3) examining the impacts of the Freedom of
14 Information Act as it applies to digital data
15 dissemination;

16 (4) statewide basemap development; and

17 (5) the development of multi-year strategies for
18 geographic information management technology in Illinois.

19 As necessary, the Center may enter into agreements with
20 professional nonprofit organizations to achieve its
21 objectives.

22 (b) The Center shall coordinate, accept, and administer
23 grants or other financial assistance from the federal
24 government and may accept grants from corporations, for profit
25 or nonprofit, or associations for the purpose of conducting
26 research, evaluations, or demonstration projects directed

1 toward the development of an integrated statewide system of
2 geographic information management technology.

3 Section 20. Intergovernmental Advisory Committee.

4 (a) The Prairie Research Institute shall form an
5 Intergovernmental Advisory Committee that shall serve in an
6 advisory capacity for the Center and shall be composed of
7 geographic information systems staff appointed by:

8 (1) the Director of State Police;

9 (2) the Secretary of Transportation;

10 (3) the Director of Agriculture;

11 (4) the Director of Public Health;

12 (5) the Director of Natural Resources;

13 (6) the Director of Revenue;

14 (7) the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity;

15 (8) the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management
16 Agency;

17 (9) the Director of the Environmental Protection
18 Agency;

19 (10) the Director of Central Management Services; and

20 (11) the Executive Director of the Illinois Commerce
21 Commission.

22 (b) No later than 90 days after the effective date of this
23 Act, the Committee shall hold its first meeting at the call of
24 the Executive Director of the Prairie Research Institute, at
25 which meeting the members shall select a chairperson from

1 among themselves, and thereafter a chairperson shall be
2 selected annually. After its first meeting, the Committee
3 shall meet at the call of the chairperson. Members of the
4 Committee shall serve without compensation.

5 Section 25. Stakeholder engagement. The Center shall
6 engage with interested stakeholders throughout the State
7 representing local, regional, and federal agencies;
8 professional associations; academic institutions; public
9 utilities; and private sector companies, enterprises, or
10 businesses.

11 Section 30. Data sharing. The Center shall have the
12 authority to initiate and enter into intergovernmental data
13 sharing agreements on behalf of the State for the benefit of
14 geographic information coordination.

15 (20 ILCS 1128/Act rep.)

16 Section 90. The Illinois Geographic Information Council
17 Act is repealed.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
19 becoming law.