

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
5 adding Section 8-4-27 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/8-4-27 new)

7 Sec. 8-4-27. Municipal Water and Wastewater Funding Study
8 Committee.

9 (a) The Municipal Water and Wastewater Funding Study
10 Committee is established.

11 (b) The Committee shall be comprised of the following
12 members, and the appointed members of the Committee shall be
13 appointed to the Committee no later than 30 days after the
14 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General
15 Assembly:

16 1) The Governor, or his or her designee, who shall
17 serve as chairperson.

18 (2) The Director of the Illinois Environmental
19 Protection Agency, or his or her designee.

20 (3) One member appointed by the President of the
21 Senate.

22 (4) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
23 Senate.

1 (5) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House
2 of Representatives.

3 (6) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
4 House of Representatives.

5 (7) Members appointed by the Director of the Illinois
6 Environmental Protection Agency as follows:

7 (A) one member who is a representative of a
8 publicly-owned drinking water or wastewater utility
9 with a service population of 25,000 or less;

10 (B) one member who is a representative of a
11 publicly-owned drinking water or wastewater utility
12 with a service population over 25,000 people to
13 125,000 people;

14 (C) one member who is a representative of a
15 publicly-owned drinking water or wastewater utility
16 with a service population over 125,000 people;

17 (D) one member who is a representative of a
18 statewide organization representing wastewater
19 agencies; and

20 (E) one member who is a representative of a
21 statewide organization representing drinking water
22 agencies.

23 The Committee shall meet at the call of the chair. Committee
24 members shall serve without compensation. If a vacancy occurs
25 in the Committee membership, the vacancy shall be filled in
26 the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder

1 of the Committee.

2 (c) The Committee shall study and make recommendations
3 concerning any needed modifications to Illinois Environmental
4 Protection Agency and Illinois Pollution Control Board
5 regulations and policies as they relate to municipal water and
6 wastewater funding to ensure that the State's revolving loan
7 fund programs account for and prioritize the following
8 principles, to the fullest extent allowed by federal law:

9 (1) A community shall not be deemed ineligible for
10 disadvantaged community status based on size or service
11 area of any size, with regard to special rates, loan
12 terms, and eligibility for loan or grant funds.

13 (2) In determining whether a community is
14 disadvantaged, consideration should be given to impacts of
15 funding on water and wastewater expenses for low-income
16 populations.

17 (3) In determining whether a community is eligible for
18 funds and special rates or loan terms, environmental
19 justice concepts should be considered.

20 (4) In determining how funding is allocated, a
21 community facing water supply shortages should be
22 considered a high priority based on urgency of need.

23 (5) The funding programs should promote formation and
24 implementation of regional water partnerships.

25 (6) Targeted funding should be provided for addressing
26 emerging contaminants, including PFAS.

1 (7) In determining eligibility for assistance, the
2 role that the State revolving fund programs play for small
3 communities should be understood and fully considered.

4 (8) Any recommendations for changes to the programs
5 must be fully consistent with federal law and must not
6 adversely affect any community's eligibility for loans
7 under federal law.

8 (d) The Committee shall prepare a report that summarizes
9 its work and makes recommendations resulting from its study.
10 The Committee shall submit the report of its findings and
11 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no
12 later than January 31, 2023. Once the Committee has submitted
13 the report to the General Assembly and Governor, the Committee
14 is dissolved.

15 (f) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2024.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
17 becoming law.