

1 AN ACT concerning employment.

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

4 Section 5. The Prevailing Wage Act is amended by changing
5 Section 2 as follows:

6 (820 ILCS 130/2) (from Ch. 48, par. 39s-2)

7 Sec. 2. This Act applies to the wages of laborers,
8 mechanics and other workers employed in any public works, as
9 hereinafter defined, by any public body and to anyone under
10 contracts for public works. This includes any maintenance,
11 repair, assembly, or disassembly work performed on equipment
12 whether owned, leased, or rented.

13 As used in this Act, unless the context indicates
14 otherwise:

15 "Public works" means all fixed works constructed or
16 demolished by any public body, or paid for wholly or in part
17 out of public funds. "Public works" as defined herein includes
18 all projects financed in whole or in part with bonds, grants,
19 loans, or other funds made available by or through the State or
20 any of its political subdivisions, including but not limited
21 to: bonds issued under the Industrial Project Revenue Bond Act
22 (Article 11, Division 74 of the Illinois Municipal Code), the
23 Industrial Building Revenue Bond Act, the Illinois Finance

1 Authority Act, the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority Act,
2 or the Build Illinois Bond Act; loans or other funds made
3 available pursuant to the Build Illinois Act; loans or other
4 funds made available pursuant to the Riverfront Development
5 Fund under Section 10-15 of the River Edge Redevelopment Zone
6 Act; or funds from the Fund for Illinois' Future under Section
7 6z-47 of the State Finance Act, funds for school construction
8 under Section 5 of the General Obligation Bond Act, funds
9 authorized under Section 3 of the School Construction Bond
10 Act, funds for school infrastructure under Section 6z-45 of
11 the State Finance Act, and funds for transportation purposes
12 under Section 4 of the General Obligation Bond Act. "Public
13 works" also includes (i) all projects financed in whole or in
14 part with funds from the Environmental Protection Agency under
15 the Illinois Renewable Fuels Development Program Act for which
16 there is no project labor agreement; (ii) all work performed
17 pursuant to a public private agreement under the Public
18 Private Agreements for the Illiana Expressway Act or the
19 Public-Private Agreements for the South Suburban Airport Act;
20 (iii) all projects undertaken under a public-private agreement
21 under the Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act;
22 and (iv) all transportation facilities undertaken under a
23 design-build contract or a Construction Manager/General
24 Contractor contract under the Innovations for Transportation
25 Infrastructure Act. "Public works" also includes all projects
26 at leased facility property used for airport purposes under

1 Section 35 of the Local Government Facility Lease Act. "Public
2 works" also includes the construction of a new wind power
3 facility by a business designated as a High Impact Business
4 under Section 5.5(a)(3)(E) and the construction of a new
5 utility-scale solar power facility by a business designated as
6 a High Impact Business under Section 5.5(a)(3)(E-5) of the
7 Illinois Enterprise Zone Act. "Public works" also includes
8 electric vehicle charging station projects financed pursuant
9 to the Electric Vehicle Act and renewable energy projects
10 required to pay the prevailing wage pursuant to the Illinois
11 Power Agency Act. "Public works" also includes power washing
12 projects by a public body or paid for wholly or in part out of
13 public funds in which steam or pressurized water, with or
14 without added abrasives or chemicals, is used to remove paint
15 or other coatings, oils or grease, corrosion, or debris from a
16 surface or to prepare a surface for a coating. "Public works"
17 does not include work done directly by any public utility
18 company, whether or not done under public supervision or
19 direction, or paid for wholly or in part out of public funds.
20 "Public works" also includes construction projects performed
21 by a third party contracted by any public utility, as
22 described in subsection (a) of Section 2.1, in public
23 rights-of-way, as defined in Section 21-201 of the Public
24 Utilities Act, whether or not done under public supervision or
25 direction, or paid for wholly or in part out of public funds.
26 "Public works" also includes construction projects that exceed

1 15 aggregate miles of new fiber optic cable, performed by a
2 third party contracted by any public utility, as described in
3 subsection (b) of Section 2.1, in public rights-of-way, as
4 defined in Section 21-201 of the Public Utilities Act, whether
5 or not done under public supervision or direction, or paid for
6 wholly or in part out of public funds. "Public works" also
7 includes any corrective action performed pursuant to Title XVI
8 of the Environmental Protection Act for which payment from the
9 Underground Storage Tank Fund is requested. "Public works"
10 does not include projects undertaken by the owner at an
11 owner-occupied single-family residence or at an owner-occupied
12 unit of a multi-family residence. "Public works" does not
13 include work performed for soil and water conservation
14 purposes on agricultural lands, whether or not done under
15 public supervision or paid for wholly or in part out of public
16 funds, done directly by an owner or person who has legal
17 control of those lands.

18 "Construction" means all work on public works involving
19 laborers, workers or mechanics. This includes any maintenance,
20 repair, assembly, or disassembly work performed on equipment
21 whether owned, leased, or rented.

22 "Locality" means the county where the physical work upon
23 public works is performed, except (1) that if there is not
24 available in the county a sufficient number of competent
25 skilled laborers, workers and mechanics to construct the
26 public works efficiently and properly, "locality" includes any

1 other county nearest the one in which the work or construction
2 is to be performed and from which such persons may be obtained
3 in sufficient numbers to perform the work and (2) that, with
4 respect to contracts for highway work with the Department of
5 Transportation of this State, "locality" may at the discretion
6 of the Secretary of the Department of Transportation be
7 construed to include two or more adjacent counties from which
8 workers may be accessible for work on such construction.

9 "Public body" means the State or any officer, board or
10 commission of the State or any political subdivision or
11 department thereof, or any institution supported in whole or
12 in part by public funds, and includes every county, city,
13 town, village, township, school district, irrigation, utility,
14 reclamation improvement or other district and every other
15 political subdivision, district or municipality of the state
16 whether such political subdivision, municipality or district
17 operates under a special charter or not.

18 "Labor organization" means an organization that is the
19 exclusive representative of an employer's employees recognized
20 or certified pursuant to the National Labor Relations Act.

21 The terms "general prevailing rate of hourly wages",
22 "general prevailing rate of wages" or "prevailing rate of
23 wages" when used in this Act mean the hourly cash wages plus
24 annualized fringe benefits for training and apprenticeship
25 programs approved by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of
26 Apprenticeship and Training, health and welfare, insurance,

1 vacations and pensions paid generally, in the locality in
2 which the work is being performed, to employees engaged in
3 work of a similar character on public works.

4 (Source: P.A. 102-9, eff. 1-1-22; 102-444, eff. 8-20-21;
5 102-673, eff. 11-30-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 102-1094, eff.
6 6-15-22.)