## **103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

# State of Illinois

# 2023 and 2024

#### HB4092

Introduced 5/16/2023, by Rep. Blaine Wilhour

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

525 ILCS 31/25.1 new

Amends the Illinois Natural Areas Stewardship Act. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall notify all persons residing in a Conservation Opportunity Area that they reside in a Conservation Opportunity Area, and that the Department shall send one notice per household. Provides that the Department shall determine the content of the notice and the manner of notification. Defines "Conservation Opportunity Area".

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AN ACT concerning conservation.

# Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Natural Areas Stewardship Act is
amended by adding Section 25.1 as follows:

6 (525 ILCS 31/25.1 new)

7Sec. 25.1. Notification to persons who reside in8Conservation Opportunity Areas.

9 <u>(a) In this Section, "Conservation Opportunity Area" means</u> 10 <u>an area identified in the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan where</u> 11 <u>ecological and social conditions align to provide</u> 12 <u>opportunities for stewardship and recovery of species of</u> 13 <u>greatest conservation need and their habitats as determined by</u> 14 <u>the Department.</u>

15 <u>(b) The Department shall notify all persons residing in a</u> 16 <u>Conservation Opportunity Area that they reside in a</u> 17 <u>Conservation Opportunity Area. The Department shall send one</u> 18 <u>notice per household. The Department shall determine the</u> 19 <u>content of the notice and the manner of notification.</u>