

1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Housing Development Act is amended
5 by adding Section 35 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3805/35 new)

7 Sec. 35. Property Tax Payment Plan Task Force.

8 (a) In counties with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants, the
9 annual tax sale has a disproportionately negative impact on
10 minority communities. The loss of owner-occupied homes
11 following the annual tax sale results in a loss of home equity
12 for impacted households and negatively impacts the ability of
13 those households to build generational wealth. The creation of
14 a well-designed payment plan program that allows
15 owner-occupants to repay delinquent property taxes has the
16 potential to help homeowners who are unable to afford their
17 property taxes avoid the tax sale and the potential loss of
18 their home while also ensuring that property taxes are
19 collected for the benefit of local taxing districts. Such a
20 payment plan program will result in a more equitable and
21 effective property tax system.

22 (b) The Property Tax Payment Plan Task Force is hereby
23 created. The Task Force shall consist of the following

1 members:

2 (1) one member, who shall serve as co-chairperson of
3 the Task Force, appointed by the President of the Senate;

4 (2) one member, who shall serve as co-chairperson of
5 the Task Force, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives;

7 (3) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
8 Senate;

9 (4) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
10 House of Representatives;

11 (5) the Executive Director of the Illinois Housing
12 Development Authority or his or her designee;

13 (6) the Cook County Treasurer or his or her designee;

14 (7) the Cook County Clerk or his or her designee;

15 (8) the President of the Cook County Board of
16 Commissioners or his or her designee;

17 (9) up to 2 members, appointed by the co-chairpersons
18 of the Task Force, representing nonprofit affordable
19 housing organizations in counties with 3,000,000 or more
20 inhabitants, housing counseling organizations in counties
21 with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants, or homeownership
22 organizations in counties with 3,000,000 or more
23 inhabitants;

24 (10) up to 2 members, appointed by the co-chairpersons
25 of the Task Force, representing community, neighborhood,
26 or resident associations in counties with 3,000,000 or

1 more inhabitants;

2 (11) up to 2 members, appointed by the co-chairpersons
3 of the Task Force, representing public interest
4 organizations from counties with 3,000,000 or more
5 inhabitants or civic organizations from counties with
6 3,000,000 or more inhabitants;

7 (12) the Village President of the Village of Hazel
8 Crest or his or her designee;

9 (13) the Mayor of the City of Harvey or his or her
10 designee;

11 (14) the Village President of the Village of Richton
12 Park or his or her designee; and

13 (15) up to 3 members, appointed by the co-chairpersons
14 of the Task Force, representing taxing districts, other
15 than municipalities, with properties that are the most
16 highly represented in the annual tax sale in counties with
17 3,000,000 or more inhabitants.

18 At the discretion of both of the Co-Chairpersons of the
19 Task Force, additional individuals may participate as
20 nonvoting members of the Task Force.

21 Members of the Task Force shall be appointed no later than
22 30 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
23 103rd General Assembly. If any members are not appointed
24 within that 30-day period, the appointing authority shall be
25 deemed to have waived the right to make that appointment.
26 Vacancies in the Task Force, other than a vacancy occurring

1 because of a waiver by the appointing authority under this
2 subsection, shall be filled by the original appointing
3 authority.

4 (c) Members of the Task Force shall serve without
5 compensation. The Illinois Housing Development Authority shall
6 provide administrative support to the Task Force as needed.

7 (d) The members of the Task Force are exempt from any
8 training, disclosure, or filing requirements under the State
9 Officials and Employees Ethics Act, the Illinois Governmental
10 Ethics Act, or any other applicable State law or rule imposing
11 such requirements.

12 (e) Once all of the members have been appointed, the Task
13 Force shall meet not less than 4 times to carry out the duties
14 prescribed in this Section. Members of the Task Force may
15 attend those meetings virtually.

16 (f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations
17 for the implementation of one or more payment plan options in
18 counties with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants to prevent
19 eligible tax-delinquent owner-occupied properties in those
20 counties from being sold at the annual tax sale. The Task Force
21 shall take into consideration the impact of the payment plan
22 option on homeowners, taxpayers, local agencies responsible
23 for the collection of property taxes, and local taxing
24 districts. These recommendations may be used to recommend
25 legislation in the 103rd General Assembly or a subsequent
26 General Assembly.

1 (g) A report detailing the Task Force's findings,
2 conclusions, and recommendations shall be submitted to the
3 General Assembly no later than November 15, 2023. The Task
4 Force is dissolved upon submission of the report.

5 (h) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2025.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.