1 AN ACT concerning climate change.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,

- represented in the General Assembly:
- 4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
- 5 Illinois Cool Cities Act.
- 6 Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds that:
- 7 Global climate change threatens the State's economy,
- 8 public health, and environment.
- 9 Units of local government across the State are endorsing
- 10 the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement,
- 11 committing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 7% from 1990
- 12 levels by the year 2012.
- 13 It is in the best interest of the State for units of local
- 14 government to make this commitment and to achieve these goals.
- 15 Section 10. State assistance to local greenhouse gas
- 16 reduction initiatives. The Environmental Protection Agency
- 17 shall provide technical assistance, if needed, to units of
- 18 local government in the State that have endorsed the U.S.
- 19 Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. Upon
- 20 request by a unit of local government, the Agency shall
- 21 provide:
- 22 (1) assistance in developing an inventory of greenhouse gas

- 1 emissions; and
- 2 (2) assistance in determining the emissions reductions
- 3 benefits of measures under consideration to reduce greenhouse
- 4 gas emissions.
- 5 Section 15. Cool cities.
- 6 (a) Any unit of local government may request designation as
- 7 an Illinois Cool City if the unit of local government has:
- 8 (1) endorsed the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate
- 9 Protection Agreement; and
- 10 (2) prepared and approved a plan to achieve a 7%
- 11 reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels by
- 12 the year 2012.
- 13 (b) Upon a finding by the Director of the Environmental
- 14 Protection Agency that (i) the greenhouse gas emissions
- 15 reduction plan developed by a unit of local government, under
- 16 subsection (a) of this Section, accurately estimates the
- 17 emissions reduction benefits of the measures it contains and
- 18 (ii) there is evidence of commitment by the unit of local
- 19 government to implement the greenhouse gas emissions reduction
- 20 plan, then the State shall provide, upon request, to any unit
- 21 of local government designated as an Illinois Cool City under
- 22 this Section:
- 23 (1) signs for posting at major entry points to the unit
- of local government noting its designation as an Illinois
- 25 Cool City; and

- (2) a graphic image for use by the unit of local 1
- government in printed and electronic communications, 2
- noting its designation as an Illinois Cool City. 3
- Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 4
- 5 becoming law.