

HB1657



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/15/2011, by Rep. Patricia R. Bellock

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

525 ILCS 25/10

Amends the Illinois Lake Management Program Act. Adds an Illinois congressional delegation member, or his or her designee, to be appointed by the Governor to the Task Force on the Conservation and Quality of the Great Lakes. Provides that no later than June 1 of each year, the Task Force shall submit a report to the General Assembly outlining its recommendations concerning legislative actions to protect the water quality and supply of the Great Lakes. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning conservation.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Lake Management Program Act is
5 amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

6 (525 ILCS 25/10)

7 Sec. 10. Task Force on the Conservation and Quality of the
8 Great Lakes.

9 (a) The Task Force on the Conservation and Quality of the
10 Great Lakes is created for the protection of the water quality
11 of the Great Lakes and to educate members of the General
12 Assembly and the general population on the conditions of the
13 Great Lakes. The Task Force consists of the following members:

14 (1) one member of the Senate appointed by the President
15 of the Senate;

16 (2) one member of the Senate appointed by the Minority
17 Leader of the Senate;

18 (3) one member of the House of Representatives
19 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

20 (4) one member of the House of Representatives
21 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
22 Representatives;

23 (5) one member appointed by the Governor;

1 (6) the Director of the Environmental Protection
2 Agency, ex officio, or his or her designee;

3 (7) the Director of Natural Resources, ex officio, or
4 his or her designee;

5 (8) the Executive Director of the Illinois
6 International Port District, or his or her designee;

7 (9) the Mayor of the City of Chicago, ex officio, or
8 his or her designee; ~~and~~

9 (10) one member representing a national alliance that
10 is organized for the purpose of protecting and preserving
11 the Great Lakes; and -

12 (11) one member of the Illinois congressional
13 delegation, or his or her designee, appointed by the
14 Governor.

15 The members shall select a chairperson from among themselves.

16 (b) The Environmental Protection Agency shall with the
17 assistance of the Department of Natural Resources provide staff
18 and support and is responsible for the administration of the
19 Task Force. The Task Force shall hold its first meeting within
20 90 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
21 96th General Assembly. The Task Force shall meet at least once
22 each calendar quarter. The members shall serve without
23 compensation.

24 (c) The Task Force shall review and discuss various topics
25 related to the supply and quality of water in the Great Lakes,
26 including, but not limited to:

1 (1) the availability of federal funds for projects
2 related to water quality and supply;

3 (2) the extent of water consumption and use from the
4 Great Lakes;

5 (3) the current and projected water levels of the Great
6 Lakes, particularly of Lake Michigan;

7 (4) levels of water pollution and the sources impacting
8 water quality of the Great Lakes;

9 (5) the impact of water quality and supply issues on
10 recreational activities and natural habitats;

11 (6) the impact of invasive species on the Great Lakes
12 ecosystem; and

13 (7) current laws and regulations affecting the Great
14 Lakes, including the Great Lakes Compact.

15 The Task Force may call upon experts to provide additional
16 information and testimony.

17 (d) No later than June 1 of each year ~~Each year~~, the Task
18 Force shall submit a report to the General Assembly outlining
19 its recommendation concerning any legislative actions to
20 protect the water quality and supply of the Great Lakes. ~~The~~
21 ~~first report must be submitted no later than June 1, 2010.~~

22 (Source: P.A. 96-471, eff. 8-14-09.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
24 becoming law.