



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Illinois Oil Independence Act. Creates the Illinois Oil Independence Commission. Sets forth the membership and terms of members of the Commission. Provides that the Commission shall develop a plan to reduce Illinois's dependence on oil. Provides that the Commission shall report to General Assembly by February 1, 2013 with recommendations for short-term and mid-term policies needed to achieve the overall reductions in oil use.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Illinois Oil Independence Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. "Commission" means the Illinois  
7 Oil Independence Commission created under this Act.

8 Section 10. Illinois Oil Independence Commission.

9 (a) The Illinois Oil Independence Commission is created.

10 The Commission shall be composed of the following members:

11 (1) four voting members, as follows:

12 (A) the Director of Commerce and Economic  
13 Opportunity or his or her designee;

14 (B) the Chairman of the Board of the Regional  
15 Transit Authority or his or her designee;

16 (C) the Secretary of Transportation or his or her  
17 designee; and

18 (D) the Director of the Environmental Protection  
19 Agency or his or her designee;

20 (2) four voting members, nominated and voted on by the  
21 Commission's voting members appointed under paragraph (1)  
22 of this subsection, as follows:

1 (A) one with expertise in environmental issues;

2 (B) one with expertise in public transportation,  
3 transit-oriented development, or transportation  
4 policy;

5 (C) one with expertise in residential and  
6 low-income energy provision; and

7 (D) one with expertise in sustainability planning;

8 (3) four voting members of the General Assembly  
9 appointed as follows:

10 (A) one member of the House of Representatives to  
11 be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
12 Representatives;

13 (B) one member of the House of Representatives to  
14 be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
15 Representatives;

16 (C) one member of the Senate to be appointed by the  
17 President of the Senate; and

18 (D) one member of the Senate to be appointed by the  
19 Minority Leader of the Senate; and

20 (4) three non-voting members appointed by the Governor  
21 with relevant expertise as follows:

22 (A) one representing the University of Illinois;

23 (B) one representing the Center for Neighborhood  
24 Technology; and

25 (C) one representing Argonne National  
26 Laboratories.

1 (b) Members of the Commission, with the exception of  
2 General Assembly members, shall be appointed for a term of 5  
3 years and may be reappointed. General Assembly members shall be  
4 appointed to 2 year terms and may be reappointed. The members  
5 shall elect one of the voting members to serve as chairperson  
6 of the Commission. The Commission meets at the call of the  
7 chair. A quorum is necessary for action by the Commission; 7  
8 voting members of the Commission constitute a quorum, unless a  
9 vacancy exists among the Commission's voting members. If a  
10 vacancy exists, then a quorum of the Commission consists of a  
11 simple majority of the voting members.

12 (c) Members of the Commission shall serve without  
13 compensation and may be reimbursed for travel and other actual  
14 expenses from funds appropriated for that purpose.

15 (d) The Commission shall have the following powers and  
16 duties:

17 (1) to develop near-term and long-range strategic  
18 plans with respect to strategies to reduce petroleum  
19 consumption from the heating and transportation sectors in  
20 Illinois.

21 (2) to identify, promote, and recommend policies to  
22 further reduce petroleum consumption in the State,  
23 including but not limited to the strategies set forth in  
24 Section 15.

25 (3) to consider other matters as it may deem  
26 appropriate to the fulfillment of its purposes and to

1           advise the Governor, the General Assembly, other parties,  
2           and the public with regard to matters pertaining to its  
3           purposes and duties, including its findings and  
4           recommendations.

5           Section 15. Illinois oil independence plan. The Commission  
6           shall develop a plan to reduce Illinois's dependence on oil.  
7           The plan must include targets for reducing Illinois's total oil  
8           consumption that equal the maximum economically achievable oil  
9           savings. The targets may not provide for less than a 30%  
10          overall reduction in oil consumption from 2009 levels by 2030  
11          and a 50% overall reduction from 2009 levels by 2050. In  
12          establishing these targets, The Commission shall consider:

13                 (1) the future oil and gasoline costs to the drivers,  
14                 homeowners, industries, and businesses in Illinois, as  
15                 well as the environmental and national security effects of  
16                 Illinois's oil dependence and the local economic  
17                 development opportunities, including job creation  
18                 potential, of improving energy efficiency and moving to  
19                 clean, renewable, made-in-Illinois energy sources; and

20                 (2) The potential of oil savings from the following  
21                 strategies to improve energy efficiency and move to clean,  
22                 renewable energy:

23                         (A) shifting freight transported in Illinois from  
24                         trucks to other transportation modes, including rail  
25                         and marine transportation;

1 (B) the rapid deployment of electric vehicles,  
2 through a combination of policies that include  
3 comprehensive planning with utilities, investments in  
4 electric vehicle infrastructure, consumer tax  
5 incentives, and targeted deployment communities;

6 (C) establishing rebates or other consumer  
7 incentives for retiring older, inefficient vehicles;

8 (D) coordinating land use and transportation  
9 planning to encourage growth in areas accessible by  
10 walking, biking, and public transportation;

11 (E) expanding and investing in public  
12 transportation, including bus transit and high speed  
13 rail, and offering incentives for commuters to use  
14 public transportation where available;

15 (F) transitioning to renewable energy for heating,  
16 including energy from off-shore wind, solar,  
17 geothermal, tidal, and sustainable biomass;

18 (G) achieving home and commercial weatherization  
19 and efficiency improvements;

20 (H) establishing additional policies and  
21 incentives for industrial efficiency improvements,  
22 including replacements of industrial boilers and other  
23 steps to reduce petroleum consumption; and

24 (I) adopting other strategies that can help enable  
25 Illinois to achieve the oil-reduction targets.

26 The Commission shall report to the General Assembly by

1 February 1, 2013 with recommendations for short-term and  
2 mid-term policies needed to achieve the overall reductions in  
3 oil use, including recommendations for specific legislative  
4 actions. The recommendations must require that, by January 15,  
5 2015 and by January 15th every 5 years thereafter, the Governor  
6 shall evaluate the State's progress toward meeting the  
7 oil-reduction goals and make additional recommendations to the  
8 General Assembly as necessary to ensure that the State can meet  
9 the reduction goals.