



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB5943

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

25 ILCS 130/2-1

from Ch. 63, par. 1002-1

25 ILCS 130/4-2

from Ch. 63, par. 1004-2

25 ILCS 135/8 new

Creates the Regulation Removal Panel Act. Creates the Regulation Removal Panel and sets forth appointments. Requires the Panel to create a system to receive public comment regarding various State laws, rules, and other governing instruments to be considered by the Panel for possible repeal. Requires the Panel to meet once a month to review public comment regarding State laws, rules, and other governing instruments to be repealed. Provides that the Panel shall have the ability to keep or remove the State law, rule, or other governing instrument in question by an affirmative vote of all 5 members. Provides that the Panel shall report its proceedings and any changes to State laws, rules, or other governing instruments annually to the President of the Senate, the Senate Minority Leader, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the House Minority Leader, and the Governor on or before January 1, 2015 and every January 1 thereafter. Amends the Legislative Commission Reorganization Act of 1984 and the Legislative Reference Bureau Act. Requires the staff of the Legislative Reference Bureau and the Legislative Research Unit to cooperate to provide administrative support to the Panel. Authorizes the Board to adopt any rules that are necessary to implement the requirements of the Act.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 Regulation Removal Panel Act.

6 Section 5. Regulation Removal Panel.

7 (a) There is created the Regulation Removal Panel, which
8 shall consist of 5 persons, appointed as follows:

9 (1) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives.

11 (2) One member appointed by the President of the
12 Senate.

13 (3) One member appointed by the House Minority Leader.

14 (4) One member appointed by the Senate Minority Leader.

15 (5) One member appointed by the Governor, who shall act
16 as Chairperson.

17 (b) Members of the Panel shall receive no compensation, but
18 may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses from
19 appropriations available for that purpose.

20 (c) The Panel shall meet at the call of the Chairperson.
21 Each Panel member shall serve a 2-year term. Whenever a vacancy
22 of the Panel occurs due to death, disability, or resignation, a
23 replacement shall be appointed by the appropriate appointing

1 authority.

2 Section 10. Administrative support. Staff of the
3 Legislative Reference Bureau and the Legislative Research Unit
4 shall cooperate to provide administrative support to the Panel.
5 Subject to appropriation, the Executive Directors of the
6 Legislative Reference Bureau and the Legislative Research Unit
7 may also employ additional staff to comply with the
8 requirements of this Act.

9 Section 15. Online Portal. The Panel shall create, at the
10 earliest possible date, a system to receive public comment
11 regarding various State laws, rules, and other governing
12 instruments to be considered by the Panel for possible repeal.
13 That system for receiving comments shall include a public
14 online portal that is accessible through the Internet website
15 maintained by the General Assembly.

16 Section 20. Duties. The Panel shall meet once a month at
17 the discretion of the Chairperson to review public comments
18 regarding State laws, rules, and other governing instruments to
19 be repealed. The Panel shall hear the complaints during its
20 next scheduled meeting and the regulating agency shall be asked
21 to testify in favor of the current law, rule, or other
22 governing instrument. The Panel shall then have the ability to
23 keep or remove the law, rule, or other governing instrument in

1 question by an affirmative vote of all 5 members.

2 Section 25. Reporting. The Panel shall report its
3 proceedings and any changes to State law, rules, or other
4 governing instruments annually to the President of the Senate,
5 the Senate Minority Leader, the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives, the House Minority Leader, and the Governor on
7 or before January 1, 2015 and every January 1 thereafter.

8 Section 30. Rules. The Panel shall adopt any rules that are
9 necessary to implement the requirements of this Act.

10 Section 500. The Legislative Commission Reorganization Act
11 of 1984 is amended by changing Sections 2-1 and 4-2 as follows:

12 (25 ILCS 130/2-1) (from Ch. 63, par. 1002-1)

13 Sec. 2-1. The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules is
14 hereby established as a legislative support services agency.
15 The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules is subject to the
16 provisions of this Act and shall perform the powers and duties
17 delegated to it under "The Illinois Administrative Procedure
18 Act", as now or hereafter amended, and such other functions as
19 may be provided by law. The Joint Committee on Administrative
20 Rules shall cooperate with the Regulation Removal Panel to the
21 extent necessary to complete the duties assigned to the
22 Regulation Removal Panel under the Regulation Removal Panel

1 Act.

2 (Source: P.A. 83-1257.)

3 (25 ILCS 130/4-2) (from Ch. 63, par. 1004-2)

4 Sec. 4-2. Intergovernmental functions. It shall be the
5 function of the Legislative Research Unit:

6 (1) To carry forward the participation of this State as
7 a member of the Council of State Governments.

8 (2) To encourage and assist the legislative,
9 executive, administrative and judicial officials and
10 employees of this State to develop and maintain friendly
11 contact by correspondence, by conference, and otherwise,
12 with officials and employees of the other States, of the
13 Federal Government, and of local units of government.

14 (3) To endeavor to advance cooperation between this
15 State and other units of government whenever it seems
16 advisable to do so by formulating proposals for, and by
17 facilitating:

18 (a) The adoption of compacts.

19 (b) The enactment of uniform or reciprocal
20 statutes.

21 (c) The adoption of uniform or reciprocal
22 administrative rules and regulations.

23 (d) The informal cooperation of governmental
24 offices with one another.

25 (e) The personal cooperation of governmental

1 officials and employees with one another individually.

2 (f) The interchange and clearance of research and
3 information.

4 (g) Any other suitable process, and

5 (h) To do all such acts as will enable this State
6 to do its part in forming a more perfect union among
7 the various governments in the United States and in
8 developing the Council of State Governments for that
9 purpose.

10 (4) To cooperate with the Regulation Removal Panel to
11 the extent necessary to complete the duties assigned to the
12 Regulation Removal Panel under the Regulation Removal
13 Panel Act.

14 (Source: P.A. 93-632, eff. 2-1-04.)

15 Section 505. The Legislative Reference Bureau Act is
16 amended by adding Section 8 as follows:

17 (25 ILCS 135/8 new)

18 Sec. 8. Cooperation with Regulation Removal Panel. The
19 Legislative Reference Bureau shall cooperate with the
20 Regulation Removal Panel to the extent necessary to complete
21 the duties assigned to the Regulation Removal Panel under the
22 Regulation Removal Panel Act.