

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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 Springfield High Speed Railroad Community Advisory Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. For purposes of this Act:

7 "Department" means the Department of Transportation.

8 "High Speed Rail Project" means the Illinois High Speed
9 Rail Program, led by the Department of Transportation and the
10 Federal Railroad Administration, which is designed to enhance
11 the passenger transportation network in the Chicago-St. Louis
12 corridor.

13 Section 10. Springfield High Speed Railroad Community
14 Advisory Commission. The Springfield High Speed Railroad
15 Community Advisory Commission ("Commission") is created to
16 monitor, review, and report on contracting and employment
17 matters related to the planning, organization, and
18 construction of the High Speed Rail Project. The Commission
19 shall monitor the public transparency of all matters concerning
20 the High Speed Rail Project.

21 The Commission shall consist of 9 members who are residents
22 of the City of Springfield, who shall be appointed, within 90

1 days of the effective date of this Act, as follows:

2 (1) Two members appointed by the President of the
3 Senate, one of whom shall serve as a Co-Chairperson of the
4 Commission.

5 (2) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House
6 of Representatives, one of whom shall serve as a
7 Co-Chairperson of the Commission.

8 (3) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
9 Senate.

10 (4) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
11 House of Representatives.

12 (5) One member appointed by the Mayor of the City of
13 Springfield and approved by the Springfield City Council.

14 (6) One member appointed by the Governor representing
15 the Department.

16 (7) The independent ombudsman for the 10th Street Rail
17 Corridor.

18 Section 15. Commission meetings; authority; reporting. The
19 Commission shall meet quarterly. The Commission shall have the
20 authority to convene City, County, and Department officials to
21 ensure transparency and compliance with federal, State, and
22 local employment and contracting goals.

23 On January 1, 2016, and on the first of each quarter
24 thereafter until the completion of the High Speed Rail Project,
25 the Commission shall issue a written report to the Governor,

1 President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of
2 Representatives, Minority Leader of the Senate, Minority
3 Leader of the House of Representatives, Mayor of Springfield,
4 Springfield City Council, Sangamon County Board, and the
5 Department describing in detail the Project's compliance with
6 federal, State, and local minority employment and contracting
7 goals.

8 Section 20. Applicability. If the implementation of any of
9 the provisions of this Act would negatively affect the receipt
10 of federal funding, then those provisions shall not apply.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
12 becoming law.