

AN ACT concerning State government.

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

Section 5. The Commission on the Elimination of Poverty Act is amended by changing Sections 15 and 20 as follows:

(20 ILCS 4080/15)

Sec. 15. Members. The Commission on the Elimination of Poverty shall be composed of no more than 26 voting members including 2 members of the Illinois House of Representatives, one appointed by the Speaker of the House and one appointed by the House Minority Leader; 2 members of the Illinois Senate, one appointed by the Senate President and one appointed by the Senate Minority Leader; one representative of the Office of the Governor appointed by the Governor; one representative of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; and 20 public members, 4 of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, 4 of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House, 4 of whom shall be appointed by the House Minority Leader, 4 of whom shall be appointed by the Senate President, and 4 of whom shall be appointed by the Senate Minority Leader. It shall be determined by lot who will appoint which public members of the Commission. The public members shall include a representative of a service-based human rights organization; 2

representatives from anti-poverty organizations, including one that focuses on rural poverty; 2 individuals who have experienced extreme poverty; a representative of an organization that advocates for health care access, affordability and availability; a representative of an organization that advocates for persons with mental illness; a representative of an organization that advocates for children and youth; a representative of an organization that advocates for quality and equality in education; a representative of an organization that advocates for people who are homeless; a representative of a statewide anti-hunger organization; a person with a disability; a representative of an organization that advocates for persons with disabilities; a representative of an organization that advocates for immigrants; a representative of a statewide faith-based organization that provides direct social services in Illinois; a representative of an organization that advocates for economic security for women; a representative of an organization that advocates for older adults; a representative of a labor organization that represents primarily low and middle-income wage earners; a representative of a municipal or county government; and a representative of township government. The appointed members shall reflect the racial, gender, and geographic diversity of the State and shall include representation from regions of the State experiencing the highest rates of extreme poverty.

The following officials shall serve as ex-officio members:

the Secretary of Human Services or his or her designee; the Director of Corrections or his or her designee; the Director of Healthcare and Family Services or his or her designee; the Director of Human Rights or his or her designee; the Director of Children and Family Services or his or her designee; the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity or his or her designee; the State Superintendent of Education or his or her designee; the Director of Aging or his or her designee; the Director of Public Health or his or her designee; and the Director of Employment Security or his or her designee. The State Workforce Investment Board, the African-American Family Commission, and the Latino Family Commission shall each designate a liaison to serve ex-officio on the Commission.

Members shall serve without compensation, but, subject to the availability of funds, public members may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary travel expenses connected to Commission business.

Commission members shall be appointed within 60 days after the effective date of this Act. The Commission shall hold its initial meeting within 30 days after at least 50% of the members have been appointed.

The representative of the Office of the Governor and the representative of a service-based human rights organization shall serve as co-chairs of the Commission.

At the first meeting of the Commission, the members shall select a 7-person Steering Committee that includes the

co-chairs.

The Commission may establish committees that address specific issues or populations and may appoint individuals with relevant expertise who are not appointed members of the Commission to serve on committees as needed.

Subject to appropriation, the office of the Governor, or a designee of the Governor's choosing, shall provide administrative support to the Commission. ~~Under the leadership of the Office of the Governor, subject to appropriation, the Department of Human Services shall provide administrative support to the Commission.~~

(Source: P.A. 95-833, eff. 8-15-08.)

(20 ILCS 4080/20)

Sec. 20. Meetings; reports. The full Commission shall meet at least annually. The Steering Committee shall meet at least quarterly. In addition, it may hold up to 4 public hearings to assist in the development of the strategic plan. The Commission shall also consider written comments for the purpose of developing the strategic plan.

The Commission shall issue an interim report on its activities and recommendations to the constitutional officers and to the General Assembly on or before December ~~March~~ 1, 2009. The strategic plan shall be adopted by the Commission not later than April ~~January~~ 1, 2010 and sent to the constitutional officers and to the General Assembly. Following the adoption of

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the strategic plan, the Commission shall continue to meet and issue annual reports by September ~~March~~ 1st of each year after 2010 on the implementation of the strategic plan.

The Commission shall hold at least one public hearing prior to the issuance of each annual report.

(Source: P.A. 95-833, eff. 8-15-08.)

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