

AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Springfield High Speed Railroad Community Advisory Act.

Section 5. Definitions. For purposes of this Act:

"Department" means the Department of Transportation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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