

1 AN ACT concerning human rights.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief  
5 Commission Act is amended by changing Sections 5, 35, and 70 as  
6 follows:

7 (775 ILCS 40/5)

8 Sec. 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

9 (1) "Claim of torture" means a claim on behalf of a living  
10 person convicted of a felony in Illinois asserting that he was  
11 tortured into confessing to the crime for which the person was  
12 convicted and the tortured confession was used to obtain the  
13 conviction and for which there is some credible evidence  
14 related to allegations of torture occurring within a county of  
15 more than 3,000,000 inhabitants ~~committed by Commander Jon~~  
16 ~~Burge or any officer under the supervision of Jon Burge.~~

17 (2) "Commission" means the Illinois Torture Inquiry and  
18 Relief Commission established by this Act.

19 (3) "Convicted person" means the person making a claim of  
20 torture under this Act.

21 (4) "Director" means the Director of the Illinois Torture  
22 Inquiry and Relief Commission.

23 (5) "Victim" means the victim of the crime, or if the

1 victim of the crime is deceased, the next of kin of the victim,  
2 which shall be the parent, spouse, child, or sibling of the  
3 deceased victim.

4 (Source: P.A. 96-223, eff. 8-10-09.)

5 (775 ILCS 40/35)

6 Sec. 35. Duties. The Commission shall have the following  
7 duties and powers:

8 (1) To establish the criteria and screening process to  
9 be used to determine which cases shall be accepted for  
10 review.

11 (2) To conduct inquiries into claims of torture ~~with~~  
12 ~~priority to be given to those cases in which the convicted~~  
13 ~~person is currently incarcerated solely for the crime to~~  
14 ~~which he or she claims torture by Jon Burge or officers~~  
15 ~~under his command, or both.~~

16 (3) To coordinate the investigation of cases accepted  
17 for review.

18 (4) To maintain records for all case investigations.

19 (5) To prepare written reports outlining Commission  
20 investigations and recommendations to the trial court at  
21 the completion of each inquiry.

22 (6) To apply for and accept any funds that may become  
23 available for the Commission's work from government  
24 grants, private gifts, donations, or bequests from any  
25 source.

1 (Source: P.A. 96-223, eff. 8-10-09.)

2 (775 ILCS 40/70)

3 Sec. 70. Filing of claims. This Act applies to claims of  
4 torture filed not later than 10 ~~5~~ years after the effective  
5 date of this Act.

6 (Source: P.A. 96-223, eff. 8-10-09.)

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