



Sen. Christopher Belt

Filed: 5/4/2026

10400HB5187sam002

LRB104 20666 TRT 37261 a

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5187

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5187 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan and
5 Regional Planning Act is amended by changing Sections 6, 9,
6 10, 12, 14, 15, and 30 and by adding Section 6.5 as follows:

7 (70 ILCS 1710/6) (from Ch. 85, par. 1156)
8 Sec. 6.

9 (a) Commissioners appointed by the Governor prior to the
10 effective date of this amendatory Act of 1975 shall serve the
11 balance of 6-year terms to which they were appointed.
12 Subsequent to the effective date of the amendatory Act of
13 1975, the Governor shall make no appointments of Commissioners
14 to new terms or to fill vacancies until such time as the total
15 number of Commissioners so appointed by the Governor and then
16 holding valid terms on the Commission shall be reduced by

1 expiration of terms, or attrition, or otherwise, to 7 in
2 number. Thereafter, Commissioners shall be appointed by the
3 Governor to fill terms expiring in such manner as to maintain
4 the number of Governor-appointed Commissioners at 8 in number.
5 Commissioners so appointed after the effective date of the
6 amendatory Act of 1975 shall serve for terms of 4 years and
7 until successors are appointed and qualified, such terms to
8 commence on October 1 of the year in which such Commissioners
9 are each first appointed, provided that initial appointments
10 of Commissioners by the Governor pursuant to revisions enacted
11 by the amendatory Act of 1975 shall be made for terms of one
12 year, 2 years, 3 years, or 4 years (as the Governor shall
13 determine in the case of each appointment) in order to
14 establish a pattern of staggered terms of office in which the
15 terms of 2 Governor-appointed Commissioners expire in each
16 calendar year.

17 Commissioners appointed or selected by means other than
18 appointment by the Governor or by virtue of holding an
19 elective or appointive position separate from the Commission
20 shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing or selecting
21 agency, provided they remain qualified for service as a
22 Commissioner, and provided further that each person or
23 authority making such an appointment shall review the
24 advisability of changing the person so appointed or selected
25 at least every 2 years.

26 If a vacancy occurs by death, resignation or otherwise

1 among Governor-appointed Commissioners, the Governor shall
2 fill the vacancy by an appointment for the unexpired term,
3 subject to the prohibition set forth above precluding the
4 filling of vacancies, after the effective date of the
5 amendatory Act of 1975, until the number of Governor-appointed
6 Commissioners is reduced to 7 in number. In the event of a
7 vacancy by reason of death, resignation or otherwise among
8 Commissioners selected by means other than appointment by the
9 Governor or by virtue of holding an elective or appointive
10 position separate from the Commission, the proper selecting
11 authority shall make a replacement appointment within a
12 reasonable time period not exceeding 90 days.

13 (b) Upon appointment of each new member of the Commission
14 under Section 6.5, the terms of the members appointed under
15 this Section shall expire.

16 (Source: P.A. 79-477.)

17 (70 ILCS 1710/6.5 new)

18 Sec. 6.5. Commission membership.

19 (a) Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act
20 of the 104th General Assembly, the Commission shall consist of
21 34 commissioners, 27 of whom shall be voting members and 7 of
22 whom shall be nonvoting, at-large members.

23 (1) The 27 voting members of the Commission shall
24 consist of the following commissioners:

25 (A) the chairman of the Bond County Board, the

1 chairman of the Clinton County Board, the chairman of
2 the Monroe County Board, the chairman of the Randolph
3 County Board, the chairman of the Washington County
4 Board, the chairman of the Madison County Board, and
5 the chairman of the St. Clair County Board shall each
6 serve as a commissioner during their respective terms
7 of office;

8 (B) the chairman of the Bond County Board, the
9 chairman of the Clinton County Board, the chairman of
10 the Monroe County Board, the chairman of the Randolph
11 County Board, and the chairman of the Washington
12 County Board shall each appoint 2 commissioners; the
13 commissioners appointed under this subparagraph (B)
14 shall be either elected or appointed officials of the
15 county board or a unit of local government in the
16 county that appointed them;

17 (C) the chairman of the Madison County Board and
18 the chairman of the St. Clair County Board shall each
19 appoint 3 commissioners; the commissioners appointed
20 under this subparagraph (C) shall be either elected or
21 appointed officials of the county board or a unit of
22 local government in the county that appointed them;

23 (D) the board of the America's Central Port
24 District and the board of Kaskaskia Regional Port
25 District shall each appoint one commissioner;

26 (E) the Southwestern Illinois Council of Mayors

1 shall appoint one commissioner from among its members;

2 and

3 (F) the board of the Metro East Sanitary District
4 shall appoint one commissioner from among its members.

5 (2) The 7 nonvoting at-large members of the Commission
6 shall reside in the Metropolitan and Regional Counties
7 Area and be appointed as follows:

8 (A) one member appointed by the Director of
9 Commerce and Economic Opportunity;

10 (B) one member appointed by the executive
11 committee of the Southwestern Illinois Leadership
12 Council;

13 (C) one member appointed by the Board of
14 Commissioners of the Bi-State Development Agency;

15 (D) one member appointed by the Board of Trustees
16 of the Metro East Transit District;

17 (E) one member appointed by the Board of Trustees
18 of the St. Clair County Transit District; and

19 (F) one member appointed by the Board of Directors
20 of the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

21 (b) Commissioners appointed under subparagraphs (B), (C),
22 (D), (E), and (F) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and
23 Commissioners appointed under subparagraphs (A), (B), (C),
24 (D), and (E) of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) shall serve
25 4-year terms. Persons appointed under subparagraphs (B), (C),
26 (D), (E), and (F) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and

1 Commissioners appointed under subparagraphs (A), (B), (C),
2 (D), and (E) of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) may be
3 reappointed.

4 (c) If a vacancy occurs by reason of death, resignation,
5 or otherwise among the commissioners, then the authority that
6 appointed the commissioner shall appoint a replacement within
7 90 days.

8 (d) Commissioners appointed under subparagraphs (B), (C),
9 (D), (E), or (F) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and
10 paragraph (2) of subsection (a) shall be residents of the
11 Metropolitan and Regional Counties Area and shall meet all
12 other required qualifications as required in this Act.

13 (70 ILCS 1710/9) (from Ch. 85, par. 1159)

14 Sec. 9. At its annual meeting before July first of each
15 year the Commission shall elect an executive committee of 9 ~~26~~
16 members from among its membership. The Executive Committee so
17 elected each year shall serve in office for the period July 1
18 through June 30 following their election. The Executive
19 Committee so elected shall be vested with authority to act on
20 behalf of the Commission and to transact all business of the
21 Commission between meetings of the Commission as specified in
22 Section 10 of this Act. The executive committee shall
23 establish a schedule of regular meetings each year. At its
24 first regular meeting after election each year, the executive
25 committee shall elect from among its membership the following

1 officers of the Commission: a president, a vice president, a
2 secretary, and a treasurer. The newly elected Executive
3 Committee and officers shall assume office as of July 1 of each
4 year.

5 The vice-president shall act as president during the
6 absence or disability of the president and in case of
7 resignation or death of the president. The secretary and
8 treasurer shall perform duties as defined in bylaws of the
9 Commission as may be adopted from time to time by the
10 Commission.

11 (Source: P.A. 82-944.)

12 (70 ILCS 1710/10) (from Ch. 85, par. 1160)

13 Sec. 10. Regular meetings of the Commission shall be held
14 at least once in each calendar year, the time and place of such
15 meetings to be fixed by rule of the Commission.

16 Special meetings of the Commission may be called by the
17 president or by any 5 commissioners ~~8 Commissioners~~. A written
18 notice of the time and place of any special meeting shall be
19 mailed or sent electronically to all commissioners
20 ~~Commissioners~~ by the secretary at least 7 days prior to the
21 date fixed for the meeting, except that if the time and place
22 of a special meeting is fixed at a regular meeting at which all
23 commissioners ~~Commissioners~~ are present, no such written
24 notice is required.

25 All meetings of the Commission shall be open to the

1 public.

2 (Source: P.A. 82-944.)

3 (70 ILCS 1710/12) (from Ch. 85, par. 1162)

4 Sec. 12. A majority of the voting commissioners
5 ~~Commissioners~~ duly appointed at each time quorum is at issue
6 shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of
7 the Commission and the concurrence of a majority of the voting
8 commissioners ~~Commissioners~~ present at any meeting where
9 business is conducted is necessary for the Commission to take
10 any action authorized by this Act, except that the executive
11 committee, selected as hereinbefore provided, shall exercise
12 such powers and authority of the Commission as are delegated
13 to such committee by the bylaws and regulations adopted by the
14 Commission or as is authorized the executive committee by
15 Section 9 of this Act. Any voting commissioner ~~Commissioner~~
16 shall have authority and it shall be valid for him or her to
17 vote by written proxy at any meeting of the Executive
18 Committee or other committees of the Commission on which the
19 commissioner ~~such Commissioner~~ may serve, provided that
20 proxies shall never be valid at any meeting of the full
21 Commission and, provided further that no voting commissioner
22 ~~Commissioner~~ shall be privileged to vote by written proxy at
23 more than 2 successive meetings of the Executive Committee or
24 other committees of the Commission on which the commissioner
25 ~~such Commissioner~~ may serve.

1 (Source: P.A. 79-477.)

2 (70 ILCS 1710/14) (from Ch. 85, par. 1164)

3 Sec. 14. All funds received for the use of the Commission
4 shall be deposited in the name of the Commission by the
5 treasurer, in a depository approved by the Commission and
6 shall be withdrawn or paid out only by check, draft,
7 electronic funds transfer, automated clearing house
8 transaction, wire transfer, or direct online payment upon the
9 depository authorized by any 2 of the commissioners or
10 employees designated by the Commission to act as signatories
11 to withdraw funds of the Commission. Funds appropriated to the
12 Commission by the General Assembly shall not be expended
13 except in accordance with a formal planning program and budget
14 reviewed and approved by the Department of Commerce and
15 Economic Opportunity. ~~All funds received for the use of the~~
16 ~~Commission shall be deposited in the name of the Commission by~~
17 ~~the treasurer, in a depository approved by the Commission and~~
18 ~~shall be withdrawn or paid out only by check or draft upon the~~
19 ~~depository signed by any two of such Commissioners or~~
20 ~~employees of the Commission as may be designated for this~~
21 ~~purpose by the Commission, provided further that funds~~
22 ~~appropriated to the Commission by the General Assembly shall~~
23 ~~not be expended except in accordance with a formal planning~~
24 ~~program and budget which has been reviewed and approved by the~~
25 ~~Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. All persons~~

1 ~~so designated shall execute bonds with corporate sureties~~
2 ~~approved by the Commission in the same manner and amount as~~
3 ~~required of the treasurer, and in such amount as determined by~~
4 ~~the Commission.~~

5 All commissioners and employees designated by the
6 Commission to act as signatories to withdraw funds of the
7 Commission shall execute bonds with corporate sureties
8 approved by the Commission in the same manner and amount as
9 required of the treasurer, and in such amount as determined by
10 the Commission. In case any person whose signature appears
11 upon any check or draft, issued pursuant to this Act, ceases
12 (after attaching his signature) to hold his office before the
13 delivery thereof to the payee, his signature nevertheless
14 shall be valid and sufficient for all purposes with the same
15 effect as if he had remained in office until delivery thereof.
16 (Source: P.A. 94-793, eff. 5-19-06.)

17 (70 ILCS 1710/15) (from Ch. 85, par. 1165)

18 Sec. 15. The Commission shall appoint an executive
19 director, who shall be the chief of staff of the Commission,
20 and fix the executive director's ~~his~~ compensation. The
21 executive director shall be a person qualified in the fields
22 of municipal and regional planning or public or business
23 administration.

24 With the approval of the Commission, the executive
25 director may appoint a deputy director to assist the executive

1 director ~~him~~ in the performance of the executive director's
2 ~~his~~ duties and may, with such approval, contract in the name of
3 the Commission for such personal and contractual services,
4 supplies and commodities as may be necessary.

5 (Source: Laws 1963, p. 1619.)

6 (70 ILCS 1710/30) (from Ch. 85, par. 1180)

7 Sec. 30. Prior to the adoption of comprehensive and
8 functional plans for the development of the Metropolitan and
9 Regional Counties Area, the Commission shall hold a public
10 hearing thereon.

11 Notice of the time, date and place set by the Commission
12 for the public hearing shall be published in a newspaper
13 having a general circulation within the area of operation of
14 the Commission at least 14 days prior to the date set for the
15 hearing, which notice shall contain a short explanation of the
16 purpose of the hearing.

17 At such hearing the president of the Commission or some
18 commissioner ~~Commissioner~~ designated by the president of the
19 Commission ~~him~~ shall preside.

20 Such hearing may be continued from time to time as may be
21 deemed necessary by the Commission.

22 (Source: P.A. 78-924.)

23 (70 ILCS 1710/5 rep.)

24 Section 10. The Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan and

1 Regional Planning Act is amended by repealing Section 5."