



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB3994

Introduced 2/6/2026, by Sen. Jason Plummer

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Secure Telecommunications Act of 2027. Provides that all critical telecommunications infrastructure located within or serving the State shall be constructed so as not to include any equipment manufactured by a federally banned corporation or any equipment banned at the federal level. Provides that all critical telecommunications infrastructure located within or serving the State shall be constructed so as not to include any equipment manufactured in or by a foreign adversary, a state-owned enterprise of a foreign adversary, or a company domiciled within a foreign adversary. Provides that the Illinois Commerce Commission shall establish a registration system for telecommunications providers. Provides for a registration fee. Sets forth requirements for registration of telecommunications providers. Provides for a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for any telecommunications provider who violates the Act or knowingly submits a false registration form. Provides that any telecommunications provider that fails to comply with a portion of the Act is prohibited from receiving any State or local funds, including funds from the Illinois Telecommunications Universal Service Fund, for the development or support of new or existing critical telecommunications infrastructure and is also prohibited from receiving any federal funds subject to distribution by State or local governments for the development or support of new or existing critical telecommunications infrastructure. Effective July 1, 2027.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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 Secure
5 Telecommunications Act of 2027.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to secure
7 the State's telecommunications grid and protect national
8 security by eliminating communications hardware and software
9 from Illinois' telecommunications grid that comes from
10 countries of concern and sanctioned entities.

11 Section 10. Definitions. In this Act:

12 "Commission" means the Illinois Commerce Commission.

13 "Critical telecommunications infrastructure" means all
14 physical broadband infrastructure and equipment that supports
15 the transmission of information of a user's choosing,
16 regardless of the transmission medium or technology employed,
17 that connects to a network that permits the end user to engage
18 in communications, including, but not limited to, service
19 provided directly to the public or to such classes of users as
20 to be effectively available directly to the public.

21 "Federally banned corporation" means any company or
22 designated equipment currently banned or at any point on or

1 after the effective date of this Act banned at the federal
2 level. These bans shall include bans resulting from, but not
3 limited to, actions taken by the following federal agencies or
4 under the following Acts:

5 (1) the Federal Communications Commission, including,
6 but not limited to, any equipment or service deemed to
7 pose a threat to national security identified on the
8 Covered List developed pursuant to 47 CFR 1.50002, as it
9 existed on the effective date of this Act and as is
10 published by the Public Safety and Homeland Security
11 Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission pursuant
12 to the federal Secure and Trust Communications Networks
13 Act of 2019, 47 U.S.C. 1601 et seq., as that Act existed on
14 the effective date of this Act;

15 (2) the U.S. Commerce Department;

16 (3) the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security
17 Agency;

18 (4) the Federal Acquisition Security Council; and

19 (5) Section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense
20 Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2019 (P.L.
21 115-232).

22 "Foreign adversary" means the People's Republic of China,
23 the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the
24 Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba,
25 the Venezuelan regime of Nicolas Maduro, or the Syrian Arab
26 Republic, including any agent of or any other entity under

1 significant control of such foreign country of concern, or any
2 other entity deemed a foreign adversary by the Governor in
3 consultation with the Commission.

4 "Telecommunications provider" means any corporation,
5 public or private, that operates any system that supports the
6 transmission of information of a user's choosing, regardless
7 of the transmission medium or technology employed, that
8 connects to a network that permits the end user to engage in
9 communications, including, but not limited to, service
10 provided directly to the public or to such classes of users as
11 to be effectively available directly to the public.

12 Section 15. Prohibitions.

13 (a) All critical telecommunications infrastructure located
14 within or serving the State shall be constructed not to
15 include any equipment manufactured by a federally banned
16 corporation, nor any equipment banned at the federal level.

17 (b) All critical telecommunications infrastructure located
18 within or serving the State shall be constructed not to
19 include any equipment manufactured in or by, including any
20 equipment whose critical or necessary components are
21 manufactured in or by, a foreign adversary, a state-owned
22 enterprise of a foreign adversary, or a company domiciled
23 within a foreign adversary.

24 (c) All critical telecommunications infrastructure in
25 operation within or serving the State, including any critical

1 telecommunications infrastructure that is not permanently
2 disabled, shall have all equipment prohibited by subsection
3 (a) or (b) replaced with equipment that is not prohibited by
4 subsection (a) or (b).

5 (d) Any telecommunications provider that removes,
6 discontinues, or replaces any prohibited telecommunications
7 equipment or service shall not be required to obtain any
8 additional permits from any State agency or political
9 subdivision for the removal, discontinuance, or replacement of
10 such communications equipment or service as long as the State
11 agency or political subdivision is properly notified of the
12 necessary replacements and the replacement communications
13 equipment is similar to the existing communications equipment.

14 (e) The Commission shall impose against any person who
15 violates this Section a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000
16 and not more than \$100,000 per day of noncompliance.

17 Section 20. Commission registration and enforcement.

18 (a) Any telecommunications provider providing service in
19 Illinois shall file a registration form with, and pay a
20 registration fee to, the Commission by September 1, 2027, and
21 then on January 1 every year thereafter. Any communications
22 provider shall register with the Commission prior to providing
23 service. The Commission shall prescribe the registration form
24 to be filed pursuant to this Section.

25 (b) A telecommunications provider shall provide the

1 Commission with the name, address, telephone number, and email
2 address of a person with managerial responsibility for the
3 Illinois operations.

4 (c) A telecommunications provider shall:

5 (1) submit a registration fee at the time of
6 submission of the registration form. The Commission shall
7 set the fee in an amount sufficient to cover the costs of
8 administering the registration process but not to exceed
9 \$50;

10 (2) keep the information required by this Section
11 current and notify the Commission of any changes to such
12 information within 60 days after the change; and

13 (3) certify to the Commission by January 1 each year
14 that all critical telecommunications equipment and
15 infrastructure within its operation does not use or
16 provide any communications equipment or service covered
17 under Section 15.

18 (d) The Commission shall impose against any provider that
19 knowingly submits a false registration form under this Section
20 a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than
21 \$100,000 per day of noncompliance.

22 (e) Any telecommunications provider that fails to comply
23 with this Section is prohibited from receiving any State or
24 local funds for the development or support of new or existing
25 critical telecommunications infrastructure, including the
26 Illinois Telecommunications Universal Service Fund, and is

1 prohibited from receiving any federal funds subject to
2 distribution by State or local governments for the development
3 or support of new or existing critical telecommunications
4 infrastructure.

5 Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are
6 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
8 2027.