

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
5 changing Section 8-4-27 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/8-4-27)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

8 Sec. 8-4-27. Municipal Water and Wastewater Funding Study
9 Committee.

10 (a) The Municipal Water and Wastewater Funding Study
11 Committee is established.

12 (b) The Committee shall be comprised of the following
13 members, and the appointed members of the Committee shall be
14 appointed to the Committee no later than 30 days after May 13,
15 2022 (the effective date of Public Act 102-865) ~~this~~
16 ~~amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly:~~

17 (1) ~~(1)~~ The Governor, or his or her designee, who shall
18 serve as chairperson.

19 (2) The Director of the Illinois Environmental
20 Protection Agency, or his or her designee.

21 (3) The Executive Director of the Illinois Finance
22 Authority, or his or her designee.

23 (4) ~~(3)~~ One member appointed by the President of the

1 Senate.

2 (5) ~~(4)~~ One member appointed by the Minority Leader of
3 the Senate.

4 (6) ~~(5)~~ One member appointed by the Speaker of the
5 House of Representatives.

6 (7) ~~(6)~~ One member appointed by the Minority Leader of
7 the House of Representatives.

8 (8) ~~(7)~~ Members appointed by the Director of the
9 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency as follows:

10 (A) one member who is a representative of a
11 publicly owned ~~publicly-owned~~ drinking water or
12 wastewater utility with a service population of 25,000
13 or less;

14 (B) one member who is a representative of a
15 publicly owned ~~publicly-owned~~ drinking water or
16 wastewater utility with a service population over
17 25,000 people to 125,000 people;

18 (C) one member who is a representative of a
19 publicly owned ~~publicly-owned~~ drinking water or
20 wastewater utility with a service population over
21 125,000 people;

22 (D) one member who is a representative of a
23 statewide organization representing wastewater
24 agencies; and

25 (E) one member who is a representative of a
26 statewide organization representing drinking water

1 agencies.

2 The Committee shall meet at the call of the chair. Committee
3 members shall serve without compensation. If a vacancy occurs
4 in the Committee membership, the vacancy shall be filled in
5 the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder
6 of the Committee.

7 (c) The Committee shall study and make recommendations
8 concerning any needed modifications to Illinois Environmental
9 Protection Agency and Illinois Pollution Control Board
10 regulations and policies as they relate to municipal water and
11 wastewater funding to ensure that the State's revolving loan
12 fund programs account for and prioritize the following
13 principles, to the fullest extent allowed by federal law:

14 (1) A community shall not be deemed ineligible for
15 disadvantaged community status based on size or service
16 area of any size, with regard to special rates, loan
17 terms, and eligibility for loan or grant funds.

18 (2) In determining whether a community is
19 disadvantaged, consideration should be given to impacts of
20 funding on water and wastewater expenses for low-income
21 populations.

22 (3) In determining whether a community is eligible for
23 funds and special rates or loan terms, environmental
24 justice concepts should be considered.

25 (4) In determining how funding is allocated, a
26 community facing water supply shortages should be

1 considered a high priority based on urgency of need.

2 (5) The funding programs should promote formation and
3 implementation of regional water partnerships.

4 (6) Targeted funding should be provided for addressing
5 emerging contaminants, including PFAS.

6 (7) In determining eligibility for assistance, the
7 role that the State revolving fund programs play for small
8 communities should be understood and fully considered.

9 (8) Any recommendations for changes to the programs
10 must be fully consistent with federal law and must not
11 adversely affect any community's eligibility for loans
12 under federal law.

13 (d) The Committee shall prepare a report that summarizes
14 its work and makes recommendations resulting from its study.
15 The Committee shall submit the report of its findings and
16 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no
17 later than March 1, 2024 ~~January 31, 2023~~. Once the Committee
18 has submitted the report to the General Assembly and Governor,
19 the Committee is dissolved.

20 (e) ~~(f)~~ This Section is repealed on January 1, 2025 ~~2024~~.

21 (Source: P.A. 102-865, eff. 5-13-22; revised 8-23-22.)

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