

#### 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### State of Illinois

## 2003 and 2004

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## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/2-101

from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 2-101

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Makes a technical change regarding the Commerce Commission.

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AN ACT relating to public utilities.

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

Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by changing
Section 2-101 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/2-101) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 2-101)

7 Sec. 2-101. Commerce Commission created. There is created an Illinois Commerce Commission consisting of 5 members not 8 more than 3 of whom shall be members of the same political 9 party at the time of appointment. The Governor shall appoint 10 the members of the such Commission by and with the advice and 11 consent of the Senate. In case of a vacancy in such office 12 during the recess of the Senate the Governor shall make a 13 14 temporary appointment until the next meeting of the Senate, 15 when he shall nominate some person to fill such office; and any person so nominated who is confirmed by the Senate, shall hold 16 17 his office during the remainder of the term and until his 18 successor shall be appointed and qualified. Each member of the 19 Commission shall hold office for a term of 5 years from the third Monday in January of the year in which his predecessor's 20 21 term expires.

22 Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the term of office of each member of the Commission 23 is terminated on the effective date of this amendatory Act of 24 25 1995, but the incumbent members shall continue to exercise all of the powers and be subject to all of the duties of members of 26 the Commission until their respective successors are appointed 27 28 and qualified. Of the members initially appointed under the 29 provisions of this amendatory Act of 1995, one member shall be 30 appointed for a term of office which shall expire on the third Monday of January, 1997; 2 members shall be appointed for terms 31 32 of office which shall expire on the third Monday of January,

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1 1998; one member shall be appointed for a term of office which 2 shall expire on the third Monday of January, 1999; and one 3 member shall be appointed for a term of office which shall 4 expire on the third Monday of January, 2000. Each respective 5 successor shall be appointed for a term of 5 years from the 6 third Monday of January of the year in which his predecessor's 7 term expires in accordance with the provisions of the first 8 paragraph of this Section.

Each member shall serve until his successor is appointed 9 and qualified, except that if the Senate refuses to consent to 10 11 the appointment of any member, such office shall be deemed 12 vacant, and within 2 weeks of the date the Senate refuses to 13 consent to the reappointment of any member, such member shall vacate such office. The Governor shall from time to time 14 15 designate the member of the Commission who shall be its 16 chairman. Consistent with the provisions of this Act, the 17 Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Commission for the purpose of ensuring that the Commission's policies are 18 19 properly executed.

20 If there is no vacancy on the Commission, 4 members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum to transact business; 21 22 otherwise, a majority of the Commission shall constitute a 23 quorum to transact business, and no vacancy shall impair the 24 right of the remaining commissioners to exercise all of the powers of the Commission. Every finding, order, or decision 25 26 approved by a majority of the members of the Commission shall 27 be deemed to be the finding, order, or decision of the 28 Commission.

29 (Source: P.A. 92-22, eff. 6-30-01.)