

1 AN ACT concerning telecommunications.

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

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by
5 changing Section 13-301.2 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/13-301.2)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2005)

8 Sec. 13-301.2. Program to Foster Elimination of the
9 Digital Divide. The Commission shall require by rule that
10 each telecommunications carrier providing local exchange
11 telecommunications service notify its end-user customers that
12 if the customer wishes to participate in the funding of the
13 Program to Foster Elimination of the Digital Divide he or she
14 may do so by electing to contribute, on a monthly basis, a
15 fixed amount that will be included in the customer's monthly
16 bill. To the extent that its end-user customers subscribe
17 to such service, telecommunications carriers providing
18 cellular radio service are exempted from the requirements of
19 this Section. The customer may cease contributing at any
20 time upon providing notice to the telecommunications carrier.
21 The notice shall state that any contribution made will not
22 reduce the customer's bill for telecommunications services.
23 Failure to remit the amount of increased payment will reduce
24 the contribution accordingly. The Commission shall specify
25 the monthly fixed amount or amounts that customers wishing to
26 contribute to the funding of the Program to Foster
27 Elimination of the Digital Divide may choose from in making
28 their contributions. A telecommunications carrier subject to
29 this obligation shall remit the amounts contributed by its
30 customers to the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs
31 for deposit in the Digital Divide Elimination Fund at the

1 intervals specified in the Commission rules.

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