

1 AN ACT in relation to civil rights.

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

4 Section 5. The Attorney General Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 6.6 as follows:

6 (15 ILCS 205/6.6 new)

7 Sec. 6.6. Office of Civil Rights.

8 (a) There is hereby created within the criminal division  
9 of the Office of the Attorney General an Office of Civil  
10 Rights, which is empowered to investigate official misconduct  
11 by prosecutors as provided in this Section. The Office of  
12 Civil Rights shall have the duty to investigate and bring  
13 criminal charges against a prosecutor who does not carry out  
14 his or her official duties by failing to prosecute a case  
15 when there is substantial evidence warranting the prosecution  
16 of the case.

17 (b) The Office of Civil Rights may initiate  
18 investigations of prosecutors under this Section and may  
19 respond to allegations of prosecutorial misconduct by private  
20 citizens and citizens groups. A person who refers an  
21 allegation of misconduct or provides testimony or other  
22 assistance to the Office of Civil Rights under this Section  
23 shall not be subject to discrimination in employment or other  
24 retaliation as a result of that referral or other assistance.

25 (c) For the purpose of this Section, the term  
26 "prosecutor" means the Attorney General, an attorney employed  
27 by the Office of the Attorney General, a state's attorney, or  
28 an attorney who is employed by a state's attorney.