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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

415 ILCS 5/28

from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1028

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning proposal of regulations.

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AN ACT concerning safety.

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

Section 5. The Environmental Protection Act is amended by
changing Section 28 as follows:

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(415 ILCS 5/28) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1028)

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Sec. 28. Proposal of regulations; procedure.

8 (a) Any person may present written proposals for the the adoption, amendment, or repeal of the Board's regulations, and 9 10 the Board may make such proposals on its own motion. If the Board finds that any such proposal is supported by an adequate 11 statement of reasons, is accompanied by a petition signed by at 12 least 200 persons, is not plainly devoid of merit and does not 13 14 deal with a subject on which a hearing has been held within the 15 preceding 6 months, the Board shall schedule a public hearing for consideration of the proposal. If such proposal is made by 16 17 the Agency or by the Department, the Board shall schedule a public hearing without regard to the above conditions. The 18 19 Board may hold one or more hearings to consider both the merits 20 and the economics of the proposal. The Board may also in its discretion schedule a public hearing upon any proposal without 21 22 regard to the above conditions.

No substantive regulation shall be adopted, amended, or 23 repealed until after a public hearing within the area of the 24 25 State concerned. In the case of state-wide regulations hearings 26 shall be held in at least two areas. At least 20 days prior to the scheduled date of the hearing the Board shall give notice 27 28 of such hearing by public advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the state concerned of the 29 30 date, time, place and purpose of such hearing; give written notice to any person in the area concerned who has in writing 31 32 requested notice of public hearings; and make available to any - 2 - LRB094 09305 RSP 39545 b

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1 person upon request copies of the proposed regulations, 2 together with summaries of the reasons supporting their 3 adoption.

4 Any public hearing relating to the adoption, amendment, or 5 repeal of Board regulations under this subsection shall be held before a qualified hearing officer, who shall be attended by at 6 least one member of the Board, designated by the Chairman. All 7 8 such hearings shall be open to the public, and reasonable opportunity to be heard with respect to the subject of the 9 10 hearing shall be afforded to any person. All testimony taken 11 before the Board shall be recorded stenographically. The 12 transcript so recorded, and any written submissions to the 13 Board in relation to such hearings, shall be open to public inspection, and copies thereof shall be made available to any 14 15 person upon payment of the actual cost of reproducing the 16 original.

After such hearing the Board may revise the proposed regulations before adoption in response to suggestions made at the hearing, without conducting a further hearing on the revisions.

In addition, the Board may revise the proposed regulations 21 after hearing in response to objections or suggestions made by 22 23 the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 5-40 and subsection (a) of Section 24 25 5-110 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, where the 26 Board finds (1) that such objections or suggestions relate to 27 the statutory authority upon which the regulation is based, 28 whether the regulation is in proper form, or whether adequate 29 notice was given, and (2) that the record before the Board is 30 sufficient to support such a change without further hearing.

Any person heard or represented at a hearing or requesting notice shall be given written notice of the action of the Board with respect to the subject thereof.

No rule or regulation, or amendment or repeal thereof, shall become effective until a certified copy thereof has been filed with the Secretary of State, and thereafter as provided SB0431 - 3 - LRB094 09305 RSP 39545 b

1 in the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act as amended.

2 Any person who files a petition for adoption of a 3 regulation specific to that person shall pay a filing fee.

4 (b) The Board shall not, on its own motion, propose 5 regulations pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section or 6 Sections 28.2, 28.4 or 28.5 of this Act to implement the 7 provisions required by or related to the Clean Air Act 8 Amendments of 1990, as now or hereafter amended. However, 9 nothing herein shall preclude the Board from, on its own 10 motion:

(1) making technical corrections to adopted rules pursuant to Section 100.240 of Title 1 of the Illinois Administrative Code;

14 (2) modifying a proposed rule following receipt of 15 comments, objections, or suggestions without agreement of 16 the proponent after the end of the hearing and comment 17 period;

18 (3) initiating procedural rulemaking in accordance
19 with Section 26 of this Act; or

20 (4) initiating rulemaking necessitated by a court
 21 order directed to the Board.

22 (Source: P.A. 87-860; 87-1213; 88-45.)