## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## State of Illinois

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#### SB0047

Introduced 1/27/2011, by Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford

## 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 in a Section concerning the Illinois Commerce Commission.

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AN ACT concerning regulation.

# 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 9 more than 3 of whom shall be members of the the same political party at the time of appointment. The Governor shall appoint 10 the members of 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, when he shall nominate some person to fill such office; and any 15 16 person so nominated who is confirmed by the Senate, shall hold 17 his office during the remainder of the term and until his successor shall be appointed and qualified. Each member of the 18 19 Commission shall hold office for a term of 5 years from the 20 third Monday in January of the year in which his predecessor's 21 term expires.

22 Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the 23 contrary, the term of office of each member of the Commission

is terminated on the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1 2 1995, but the incumbent members shall continue to exercise all of the powers and be subject to all of the duties of members of 3 the Commission until their respective successors are appointed 4 5 and qualified. Of the members initially appointed under the provisions of this amendatory Act of 1995, one member shall be 6 appointed for a term of office which shall expire on the third 7 Monday of January, 1997; 2 members shall be appointed for terms 8 9 of office which shall expire on the third Monday of January, 10 1998; one member shall be appointed for a term of office which 11 shall expire on the third Monday of January, 1999; and one 12 member shall be appointed for a term of office which shall expire on the third Monday of January, 2000. Each respective 13 14 successor shall be appointed for a term of 5 years from the 15 third Monday of January of the year in which his predecessor's 16 term expires in accordance with the provisions of the first 17 paragraph of this Section.

Each member shall serve until his successor is appointed 18 19 and qualified, except that if the Senate refuses to consent to the appointment of any member, such office shall be deemed 20 vacant, and within 2 weeks of the date the Senate refuses to 21 22 consent to the reappointment of any member, such member shall 23 vacate such office. The Governor shall from time to time designate the member of the Commission who shall be 24 its 25 chairman. Consistent with the provisions of this Act, the Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Commission 26

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1 for the purpose of ensuring that the Commission's policies are 2 properly executed.

3 If there is no vacancy on the Commission, 4 members of the 4 Commission shall constitute a quorum to transact business; 5 otherwise, a majority of the Commission shall constitute a 6 quorum to transact business, and no vacancy shall impair the 7 right of the remaining commissioners to exercise all of the powers of the Commission. Every finding, order, or decision 8 approved by a majority of the members of the Commission shall 9 10 be deemed to be the finding, order, or decision of the 11 Commission.

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