

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 High-Speed Railway Commission Act.

6 Section 5. Commission created; membership.

7 (a) There is created the High-Speed Railway Commission to
8 carry out the duties set forth in Section 10.

9 (b) The Commission shall be composed of the following
10 members:

11 (1) The Governor or his or her designee.

12 (2) The President of the Senate or his or her
13 designee.

14 (3) The Minority Leader of the Senate or his or her
15 designee.

16 (4) The Speaker of the House or his or her designee.

17 (5) The Minority Leader of the House or his or her
18 designee.

19 (6) The Secretary of Transportation or his or her
20 designee.

21 (7) The Chairperson of the Illinois State Toll Highway
22 Authority or his or her designee.

23 (8) The Chairperson of the Illinois Commerce

1 Commission or his or her designee.

2 (9) The Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Metra
3 or his or her designee.

4 (10) The Mayor of the City of Chicago or his or her
5 designee.

6 (11) A representative of a labor organization
7 representing rail workers.

8 (12) A representative of a trade organization related
9 to the rail industry.

10 (13) A representative of the Metropolitan Mayors and
11 Managers Association.

12 (14) A representative from the Illinois Railroad
13 Association.

14 (15) A representative from the University of Illinois
15 System.

16 (16) A representative from the Municipal Planning
17 Organization.

18 (17) A representative of the Illinois Municipal
19 League.

20 (18) A representative of the Champaign-Urbana Mass
21 Transit District.

22 (c) The Chairperson of the Commission shall be elected
23 from the Commission's membership by a simple majority vote of
24 the total membership of the Commission. The Vice-Chairperson
25 of the Commission shall be elected from the Commission's
26 membership by a simple majority vote of the total membership

1 of the Commission.

2 (d) The Governor, President of the Senate, Minority Leader
3 of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and
4 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall make
5 their initial appointments to the Commission by January 1,
6 2022.

7 (e) Vacancies in Commission membership shall be filled in
8 the same manner as initial appointments.

9 (f) Total membership of the Commission consists of the
10 number of members serving on the Commission, not including any
11 vacant positions. A quorum consists of a simple majority of
12 total membership and shall be sufficient to conduct the
13 business of the Commission, unless stipulated otherwise in the
14 bylaws of the Commission.

15 (g) The Commission shall meet at least quarterly.

16 Section 10. Duties of Commission. The High-Speed Railway
17 Commission shall create a statewide plan for a high-speed rail
18 line and feeder network connecting St. Louis, Missouri and
19 Chicago, Illinois that includes current existing Amtrak and
20 Metra services, connects the cities of Rockford, Moline,
21 Peoria, and Decatur, and uses inter-city bus service to
22 coordinate with the rail line. The Commission shall conduct a
23 ridership study and shall make findings and recommendations
24 concerning a governance structure, the frequency of service,
25 and implementation of the plan. The Commission shall report to

1 the General Assembly and the Governor no later than December
2 31 of each year.

3 Section 15. Administrative support. The Department of
4 Transportation shall provide administrative and other support
5 to the Commission.

6 Section 20. Repeal. This Act is repealed on January 1,
7 2027.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.