

1 AN ACT concerning growth.

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 Illinois Growth Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative findings. It is in the economic  
7 interest of the citizens of the State of Illinois to achieve  
8 more balanced growth and more rational land use, and to  
9 preserve the cultural, natural, and agricultural resources of  
10 the State. It is further in the public interest to stimulate  
11 better local and regional planning and to coordinate the work  
12 of State agencies with county, municipal, and regional plans.  
13 It is the purpose of this Act to create a group of leaders  
14 representing agriculture, development, conservation, local  
15 government, planning, public transportation, and the  
16 environment to assist the Governor's Balanced Growth Cabinet  
17 in promoting coordinated and balanced growth.

18 Section 10. Balanced Growth Council.

19 (a) The Balanced Growth Council is created. The Council  
20 shall consist of 7 members of the public, appointed by the  
21 Governor, representing agriculture, conservation,  
22 development, local government, planning, public  
23 transportation, and the environment. The members shall select  
24 one of their members to be the Chairperson of the Council.

25 (b) Of the initial members, 4 shall be appointed to  
26 serve 3-year terms and 3 shall be appointed to serve one-year  
27 terms. Their successors shall serve 2-year terms. Members  
28 of the Council shall not receive compensation but may be  
29 reimbursed for their actual expenses in carrying out their  
30 duties as members of the Council.

1 (c) The Council must meet at least 4 times a year in  
2 conjunction with meetings of the Governor's Balanced Growth  
3 Cabinet.

4 (d) The Office of the Governor is responsible for the  
5 operations of the Council.

6 Section 15. Duties of the Council. The Balanced Growth  
7 Council may:

8 (1) Review activities and programs administered by  
9 State agencies that directly impact land use,  
10 transportation, housing, and growth and development  
11 patterns in Illinois communities.

12 (2) Work with local and regional planning agencies,  
13 units of local government, and the private sector to  
14 encourage partnerships that enhance the capability to  
15 plan and coordinate land use, transportation, and housing  
16 decisions.

17 (3) Encourage strategies that protect natural,  
18 cultural, and farmland resources and that foster balanced  
19 growth.

20 (4) Consult with the Balanced Growth Cabinet and  
21 federal agencies to coordinate and optimize the  
22 expenditure of public funds affecting land use,  
23 transportation choices, and affordable housing.

24 (5) Note overlaps and discrepancies among the  
25 projects funded by the Balanced Growth Cabinet agencies  
26 and assist in improving the coordination of State  
27 programs and expenditures.

28 (6) Compare State programs and expenditures with  
29 local, county, and regional land use and transportation  
30 goals.

31 (7) Encourage the spending of State technical  
32 assistance funds for resource inventories, land use  
33 planning initiatives, and plan implementation in the

1 State.

2 (8) To the extent possible, the Council must make  
3 recommendations to the Balanced Growth Cabinet in  
4 accordance with balanced growth principles and  
5 initiatives identified by the Working Groups of the  
6 Legislative Growth Task Force of the 91st General  
7 Assembly (Senate Joint Resolution 45).

8 Section 20. Agency duties. Balanced Growth Cabinet  
9 agencies must provide the Council, upon request, with  
10 information concerning agency programs and activities that  
11 impact land use, transportation, housing, development, and  
12 planning. Whenever possible this information should be  
13 geographically specific and allow comparisons with the work  
14 of other agencies in order to determine whether a project's  
15 impacts are coordinated with other State projects and are  
16 consistent with any local, county, and regional plans.

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
18 becoming law.