

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 793

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 793 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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 cabinet
14 members and leaders representing agriculture, development,
15 conservation, local government, planning, and the environment
16 to align State policy and funding in order to promote
17 coordinated and balanced growth.

18 Section 10. Balanced Growth Coordinating Council.

19 (a) The Balanced Growth Coordinating Council, consisting
20 of 15 voting members appointed by the Governor, is created.
21 Members of the Council shall include the Director of each of

1 the following agencies: the Department of Agriculture, the
2 Capital Development Board, the Department of Commerce and
3 Community Affairs, the Illinois Environmental Protection
4 Agency, the Housing Development Authority, the Department of
5 Natural Resources, the Department of Revenue, and the
6 Department of Transportation. The Council shall include 6
7 members of the public representing agriculture, conservation,
8 development, local government, planning, and the environment.
9 The Governor, or his or her chief of staff, shall be a voting
10 member and shall be the Chairperson of the Council.

11 (b) Of the initial public members, 3 shall be appointed
12 to serve 3-year terms and 3 shall be appointed to serve
13 one-year terms. Their successors shall serve 2-year terms.
14 Public members of the Council shall not receive compensation
15 but may be reimbursed for their actual expenses in carrying
16 out their duties as members of the Council.

17 (c) The Council must meet at least 6 times a year.

18 (d) The Office of the Governor is responsible for the
19 operations of the Council.

20 Section 15. Duties of the Council. The Balanced Growth
21 Coordinating Council must:

22 (1) Review activities and programs administered by
23 State agencies that directly impact land use,
24 transportation, housing, and growth and development
25 patterns in Illinois communities.

26 (2) Work with local and regional planning agencies,
27 units of local government, and the private sector to
28 encourage partnerships that enhance the capability to
29 plan and coordinate land use, transportation, and housing
30 decisions.

31 (3) Encourage strategies that protect natural,
32 cultural, and farmland resources and that foster balanced
33 growth.

1 (4) Work with State and federal agencies to
2 coordinate and optimize the expenditure of public funds
3 affecting land use, transportation choices, and
4 affordable housing.

5 (5) Catalog by county the projects funded by each
6 participating agency in the current, previous, and next
7 fiscal years.

8 (6) Note any overlaps and discrepancies and attempt
9 to improve the coordination of State programs and
10 expenditures.

11 (7) Compare State programs and expenditures with
12 local and regional land use and transportation goals.

13 (8) Facilitate the spending of State technical
14 assistance for resource inventories, land use planning
15 initiatives, and plan implementation.

16 To the extent possible, the Council must perform its
17 duties in accordance with balanced growth principles and
18 initiatives identified by the Working Groups of the
19 Legislative Growth Task Force of the 91st General Assembly.

20 Section 20. Agency duties. State agencies represented
21 on the Council must provide the Council, upon request, with
22 information concerning agency programs and activities that
23 impact land use, transportation, housing, development, and
24 planning. Whenever possible this information should be
25 geographically specific and allow comparisons with the work
26 of other agencies in order to determine whether a project's
27 impacts are coordinated with other State projects and are
28 consistent with any local, county, and regional plans.

29 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
30 becoming law."