

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 793

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

5 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
6 Illinois Growth Act.

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

19 Section 10. Balanced Growth Council.

20 (a) The Balanced Growth Council is created. The Council
21 shall consist of 7 members of the public, appointed by the

1 Governor, representing agriculture, conservation,
2 development, local government, planning, public
3 transportation, and the environment. The members shall select
4 one of their members to be the Chairperson of the Council.

5 (b) Of the initial members, 4 shall be appointed to
6 serve 3-year terms and 3 shall be appointed to serve one-year
7 terms. Their successors shall serve 2-year terms. Members
8 of the Council shall not receive compensation but may be
9 reimbursed for their actual expenses in carrying out their
10 duties as members of the Council.

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

14 (d) The Office of the Governor is responsible for the
15 operations of the Council.

16 Section 15. Duties of the Council. The Balanced Growth
17 Council may:

18 (1) Review activities and programs administered by
19 State agencies that directly impact land use,
20 transportation, housing, and growth and development
21 patterns in Illinois communities.

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

27 (3) Encourage strategies that protect natural,
28 cultural, and farmland resources and that foster balanced
29 growth.

30 (4) Consult with the Balanced Growth Cabinet and
31 federal agencies to coordinate and optimize the
32 expenditure of public funds affecting land use,
33 transportation choices, and affordable housing.

1 (5) Note overlaps and discrepancies among the
2 projects funded by the Balanced Growth Cabinet agencies
3 and assist in improving the coordination of State
4 programs and expenditures.

5 (6) Compare State programs and expenditures with
6 local, county, and regional land use and transportation
7 goals.

8 (7) Encourage the spending of State technical
9 assistance funds for resource inventories, land use
10 planning initiatives, and plan implementation in the
11 State.

12 (8) To the extent possible, the Council must make
13 recommendations to the Balanced Growth Cabinet in
14 accordance with balanced growth principles and
15 initiatives identified by the Working Groups of the
16 Legislative Growth Task Force of the 91st General
17 Assembly (Senate Joint Resolution 45).

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

27 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
28 becoming law."