



ILLINOIS COMMISSION

on

Environmental Justice

FUNCTION

The principle of environmental justice requires that no segment of the population, regardless of race, national origin, age, or income, should bear disproportionately high or adverse effects of environmental pollution.

The Commission was formed through the [Environmental Justice Act](#).

The Commission shall:

- (1) **Advise** State entities on environmental justice and related community issues
- (2) **Review** and **analyze** the impact of current State laws and policies on the issue of environmental justice and sustainable communities
- (3) **Assess** the adequacy of State and local laws to address the issue of environmental justice and sustainable communities
- (4) **Develop** criteria to assess whether communities in the State may be experiencing environmental justice issues
- (5) **Recommend** options to the Governor for addressing issues, concerns, or problems related to environmental justice that surface after reviewing State laws and policies, including prioritizing areas of the State that need immediate attention.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency shall provide administrative and other support to the Commission.

COMPOSITION

The Commission on Environmental Justice is established and consists of the following 24 voting members:

2 members of the Senate, each to serve at the pleasure of the appointing officer

2 members of the House of Representatives, each to serve at the pleasure of the appointing officer

The following ex officio members:

A representative of the housing office of the **Department of Human Services**;
The Director of **Commerce and Economic Opportunity** or his or her designee;
The Director of the **Environmental Protection Agency** or his or her designee;
The Director of **Natural Resources** or his or her designee;
The Director of **Public Health** or his or her designee; and
The Director of **Transportation** or his or her designee.

14 members appointed by the Governor who represent the following interests:

4 members of **affected communities** concerned with environmental justice;

At least 2 members **business organizations** (including one member representing a statewide organization representing manufacturers and one member representing an organization representing the energy sector);

Environmental organizations;

Experts on **environmental health and environmental justice units of local government;**

Members of the **general public** who have an interest or expertise in environmental justice; and

At least 2 members of **labor organizations** (including one member from a statewide labor federation representing more than one international union and one member from an organization representing workers in the energy sector).

TERM: Initial members: 5 shall serve for a 2-year term and 5 shall serve for a 1-year term; thereafter 2-year terms.

Appointments and Nominations

As a resident of Illinois, those interested in being a Commissioner are invited to use [this form](#) to nominate themselves for membership. This form applies to all Illinois boards, commissions, committees, councils, and task forces. The information collected will be used by the Governor's Office in considering your interest and qualifications for appointment. If you have problems completing the form, please email gov.appointments@illinois.gov.

