

Environment Legislation

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| House Bills | | | |
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| Bill Number | Sponsor | Title | Summary |
| HB 1464 | L. Walsh, Jr. | Local Gov Energy Conservation | Amends the Local Government Energy Conservation Act. Changes the definition of unit of local government to be consistent with the Illinois Constitution's definition, except that unit of local government also includes a school district as used in the Act. Effective immediately. |
| HB 2296 | A. Williams | Lead-acid batteries | Amends the Environmental Protection Act to prohibit lead-acid battery retailers from disposing of lead-acid batteries by delivery to a collection or recycling facility, unless that collection or recycling facility accepts lead-acid batteries. Provides that unless expressly authorized by a recycling collection program, beginning January 1, 2020 no person shall knowingly mix a rechargeable battery or any appliance, device, or other item that contains a rechargeable battery with any other material intended for collection by a hauler as a recyclable material or place a rechargeable battery or any appliance, device, or other item that contains a rechargeable battery into a container intended for collection by a hauler for processing at a recycling center. Requires the Agency to provide educational information regarding the recycling of rechargeable batteries on its website. Effective immediately. |

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| HB 2491 | L. Walsh, Jr. | Epa-uncontaminated Plastics | Provides that, to the extent allowed by federal law, uncontaminated plastics that have been processed prior to receipt at a plastics gasification facility or plastics pyrolysis facility to be returned to the economic mainstream in the form of raw materials or products, are considered recycled and are not subject to regulation as waste. Provides that the Environmental Protection Agency may propose to the Pollution Control Board for adoption, and the Board may adopt, rules establishing standards for materials accepted as feedstocks by plastics gasification facilities and plastics pyrolysis facilities, rules establishing standards for the management of feedstocks at plastics gasification facilities and plastics pyrolysis facilities, and any other rules, as may be necessary to implement and administer the amendatory Act's provisions. If permitting and construction commenced prior to July 1, 2025, a pilot project allowing for a pyrolysis or gasification facility is permitted for a locally zoned and approved site in either Will County or Grundy County. Effective July 1, 2020. |
| HB 2583 | T. Bennett | conservancy dist-expansions | Amends the River Conservancy Districts Act to provide that territory that may be added to a river conservancy district includes a part of a county or an entire county or counties. Requires notice of a public hearing regarding the addition of territory in each county in which the additional territory is located. Provides that a petition to expand a conservancy district may include a new name of the expanded district. |

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| Bill Number | Sponsor | Title | Summary |
| HB 2650 <i>ISACO Supports</i> | R. Rita | IEPA-WATER REVOLVING FUND | Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that, beginning on the effective date of the amendatory Act, and running for a period of 5 years after that date, the Environmental Protection Agency shall prioritize within its annual intended use plan the usage of a portion of the Agency's capitalization grant for federally authorized set-aside activities. Provides that the prioritization is for the purpose of supporting disadvantaged communities and utilities throughout Illinois in building their capacity for sustainable and equitable water management. Provides specified methods of support. Effective January 1, 2020. |
| HB 3068 | T. Costa Howard | Solid Waste Mgmt-resource Mgmt | Amends the Illinois Solid Waste Management Act to provide that it is the policy of the State to establish a comprehensive statewide program for solid waste management which will preserve or enhance the quality of air, water, and land resources. Modifies the State preferences for solid waste management. Provides that the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center of the Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois shall publish, on or before December 1, 2020, a statewide Illinois Resource Management Plan and shall update the plan every 5 years. Includes State and local requirements for the Plan. |
| HB 3386 | W. Guzzardi | hydraulic fracturing-prohibit | Amends the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act. Provides that no person shall conduct high volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing operations in Illinois and that any high volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing permit issued before the effective date of the amendatory Act is revoked. Repeals the other substantive provisions of the Act. Repeals the Illinois Hydraulic Fracturing Tax Act and the State Finance Act provisions listing the Oil and Gas Resource Management Fund as a special fund. |

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| Bill Number | Sponsor | Title | Summary |
| HB 3445 ISACO <i>Opposes</i> | L. Robinson, Jr. | LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT | <p>Creates the Reduction of Lead Service Lines Act. Requires community water supplies to identify and replace all lead service lines that connect to a water main. Provides that every community water supply in Illinois that has known lead service lines shall create a plan, to be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency for approval, to replace all lead service lines and galvanized service lines if the service line is or was connected to lead piping. Provides that, within legal bounds, a community water supply shall have the authority to access private property and private residences for the sole purpose of identifying or replacing lead service lines or galvanized service lines. Provides that no person shall replace a portion of a lead service line without replacing the entirety of the line at the same time, except in cases of emergency repair. Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to establish a comprehensive low-income water assistance policy and program. Amends the Public Utilities Act. Removes references to unaccounted-for water and replaces them with references to nonrevenue water. Provides that the Illinois Commerce Commission may allow or direct a water utility to establish a customer assistance program. Provides that certain entities that serve or provide water or sewer services shall prepare a summary of the cost of service for a given calendar year. Effective immediately.</p> |

| House Joint Resolution | | | |
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| Bill Number | Sponsor | Title | Summary |
| HJR 11 | J. Hoffman | Levee\ floodplain Task Force | Creates the Levee and Floodplain Review Task Force to conduct a comprehensive review of State and federal laws and regulations establishing the oversight and management of river levels and regulation of levee construction and develop recommendations to create and implement a plan for the long-term management of the State's floodplains that balances the needs of agriculture, industry, public safety, the environment, and the overall economy of Illinois regarding levees and floodplains. |

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| Bill Number | Sponsor | Title | Summary |
| SB 1296 | M. Bush | property assessed clean energy | Amends the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act. Makes changes adding residential property to the scope of the Act. Modifies the requirements of a report needed to establish a PACE area and requirements before entering into an assessment contract. For program administrators and contracts that finance residential properties of 4 or fewer units: provides for contractor oversight and training for residential properties inside PACE areas; prohibits specified soliciting, advertising, and direct or indirect cash payments or other things of value to property owners; requires a local unit of government and third-party program administrators to develop a disclosure form for homeowners and a right to cancel within 3 business days assessment contracts; and requires an oral confirmation call to property owners with specified minimum requirements for the call. Provides that the local unit of government shall verify that the estimated economic benefit expected from the energy project during the financing period is equal to or greater than the cost of the project on residential real property before entering into an assessment contract with a record owner under a program. |

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| Bill Number | Sponsor | Title | Summary |
| SB 1337 | C. Rose | Energy Performance Contracts | Creates the Energy Performance Contracting Act. Requires each governmental unit to implement cost-effective conservation improvements and maintain efficient operation of its facilities in order to minimize energy consumption and related environmental impacts, and reduce operating costs. Provides that any governmental unit may enter into an energy performance contract with a qualified energy service provider to produce utility savings or operating and maintenance cost-savings. Designates the Smart Energy Design Assistance Center as the lead agency for the development and promotion of a program of performance contracts in governmental units under the Act, and provides requirements and duties for that agency. Provides for the selection process of qualified energy service providers. Provides for audits, payments, and term requirements for energy performance contracts entered into under the Act. Provides for the monitoring and reporting of energy consumption and cost-savings under an energy performance contract. Provides for the use of savings from performance contracts; related clarifications. |
| SB 1352 | L. Fine | wetlands protection act | Creates the Wetlands Protection Act. Provides provisions concerning: exemptions; wetlands delineation, classification, notification, and permits; surety; general permits; appeal of final decisions made by the Department of Natural Resources and judicial review; investigation and enforcement; and county authority. Creates the Wetlands Advisory Committee and establishes duties and rules for the Committee. Creates the Wetlands Protection Fund. Defines terms. Makes conforming changes in the State Finance Act. Effective immediately. |

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| Bill Number | Sponsor | Title | Summary |
| SB 1852 | J. Curran | EPA-PERMITS-ETHYLENE OXIDE | Amends the Environmental Protection Act to provide that in the event of an ethylene oxide leak a facility shall issue a notice with specified information immediately upon discovery to all affected property owners and local government within 2,500 feet of the leak site. Provides that the amendatory Act's provisions apply only to an owner or operator of a sterilization source using one ton or more of ethylene oxide in a rolling 12-month period of sterilization or fumigation operations, and do not apply to beehive fumigators, research or laboratory facilities, or sources such as hospitals, doctors' offices, clinics, or other facilities for which the primary purpose is to provide medical services to humans or animals. |