



# *Bill Analysis*

**Bill Number:** HB 4135

**Sponsor:** Representative Anthony DeLuca (R-Chicago Heights)

**ISACo Position:** Support

**General Assembly Summary:** Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a county may require a commercial solar energy facility to be sited 500 feet (rather than 50 feet) to the nearest point on the property line of a nonparticipating property and 500 feet (rather than 150 feet) from the nearest point on the outside wall of an occupied community building or dwelling on nonparticipating properties.

**Reason for Introduction:** The bill is a sponsor initiative stemming from constituent requests. P.A. 102-1123 included siting and permitting reform for renewable energy projects, intending to create a statewide minimum standard to streamline construction and prevent local governments from denying or preventing development of new solar projects in their area.

**County Impact:** The bill would increase the setback distance counties may require commercial solar facilities to be sited from 50 feet to 500 feet from the property lines for nonparticipating properties and from 150 feet to 500 feet from occupied community buildings.