



Bill Analysis

Bill Number: HB 4422

Sponsor: Representative Jason Bunting (R-Dwight)

ISACo Position: Under Review

General Assembly Summary: Amends the Counties Code. In provisions about commercial wind energy facilities and commercial solar energy facilities, removes changes made by Public Act 102-1123. Provides that any provision of a county zoning ordinance pertaining to wind farms, commercial wind energy facilities, or commercial solar energy facilities that was in effect before January 27, 2023, may continue in effect notwithstanding any changes made in Public Act 102-1123 and, if applicable, any provision of a county zoning ordinance pertaining to wind farms that was in effect before August 16, 2007, may continue in effect notwithstanding the changes made in Public Act 95-203.

Reason for Introduction: The bill is an initiative of the sponsor. The bill is in response to P.A. 102-1123 from the 102nd General Assembly, which had imposed limitations on county authority to site wind and solar facilities that HB 4422 seeks to remove.

County Impact: The bill would remove the statewide standards that currently restrict counties and provide them with the authority to site wind and solar facilities as they determine. This bill provides that any county ordinances pertaining to wind and solar facilities in effect before January 27, 2023, may continue to be in effect.