

26 of the state:

27 (a) The following private citizen members appointed by the
 28 Commissioner of Agriculture:

29 1. Four representatives from minority, underserved, rural,
 30 or low-income communities from different regions of the state.

31 2. At least one environmental justice expert.

32 3. At least one representative from the electrical workers
 33 profession.

34 4. At least two energy industry liaisons representing
 35 utility and solar energy interests.

36 5. At least one representative from a statewide
 37 environmentally focused group.

38 (b) One member appointed by the President of the Senate.

39 (c) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
 40 Representatives.

41 (3) The task force shall:

42 (a) Recommend appropriate policies, including any
 43 necessary statutory changes, for the equitable siting of energy
 44 infrastructure throughout the state, including, but not limited
 45 to:

46 1. The siting of utility-scale solar arrays in
 47 nonresidential neighborhoods, nonrural residential communities,
 48 and rural communities; and

49 2. The siting of industrial solar array facility sites in
 50 a manner compatible with county or municipality comprehensive

51 plans.

52 (b) Examine strategies to assist minority, underserved,
53 rural, and low-income communities in transitioning to energy
54 efficiency, including energy-efficient appliances,
55 weatherization, and other methods, to benefit from lower energy
56 costs.

57 (4) The department shall provide staffing and
58 administrative support to the task force in performing its
59 duties.

60 (5) The task force shall submit a report of its
61 recommendations to the Governor, the Commissioner of
62 Agriculture, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
63 House of Representatives by September 30, 2024, and this section
64 shall expire upon submission of the report.

65 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.