

#A.B. 543

#Progressive Climate Change Act

IN THE ASSEMBLY

5/7/2020 Mr. /u/Tripplyons18 introduced the following legislation.

#A BILL to Address Climate Change at a State Level.

\*Be it enacted by the Assembly of the State of Dixie,\*

#SECTION I. SHORT TITLE

(1) This legislation shall be known as the “Progressive Climate Change Act”

#SECTION II. ASSEMBLY FINDINGS

(1) The Assembly of the Great State of Dixie does find that:

> (a) Whereas, earth’s climate is now changing faster than at any point in the history of modern civilization, primarily as a result of human activities.

> (b) Whereas, global climate change has already resulted in a wide range of impacts across every region of the country and many sectors of the economy that are expected to grow in the coming decades.

#SECTION III. IMPLEMENTATION

(1) A new section in Dixie Statues chapter >>> (i) [377.]([link](#)) is created.

(2) The section shall read: “The Dixie Environmental Protection Agency is hereby created.

#SECTION IV.

(1) “The agency shall establish a competitive grant program to local governments for energy effective solutions.”

#SECTION V.

(1) The state shall provide tax incentives to towns and cities to implement solar, wind, nuclear, biofuel, hydro alternatives and more fuel efficient public transportation.

(2) The grant shall be \$5 million per year for every five years and may be split among several municipalities.

- (3) If a town fails to take action with the grant, the town shall be ineligible to receive any more grants for a period of three years.
- (4) ~~A misuse of a grant shall be defined as using the funds for another purpose.~~ A misuse of funds shall be defined as using the funds for another purpose, which includes, but is not limited to, building highways, infrastructure and anything that does not have to do with climate change. Priority shall be given to projects that primarily serve communities where the median income is less than 80% of the state's median income.
- (5) Towns who misuse funds shall be responsible for reimbursing the state.

#### #SECTION VI.

- (1) The funding decisions shall be made on the basis of feasibility of the proposal, potential impacts, track records of previous environmental changes, track records of previous funding violations, and the potential for continuation at the end of the grant period.
- (2) The funding shall not be able to be revoked after being issued, unless a violation of the grant requirements occurs.
- (3) The Dixie Department of Agriculture and Human Services shall increase the funding for their competitive grants system in the science funding area for implementation of research, regarding energy alternatives and fuel efficiency. All of the feasible research avenues shall be based on pre existing guidelines.
- (4) The grants shall be determined on a case by case basis.

#### #SECTION VII. ENACTMENT

- (1) This legislation shall come into effect immediately upon its successful passage.
- (2) This legislation shall take precedence over all previous pieces of legislation that might contradict it.
- (3) Should any part of this resolution be struck down due to being unconstitutional, the rest shall remain law.