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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois has more units of local government than  
3 any state in the country, numbered at over 7,000; and

4 WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds that consolidation of  
5 units of local government will result in cost-saving for the  
6 taxpayers; and

7 WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds that consolidation of  
8 units of local government shall only occur in the absence of  
9 reductions in the quality of services to taxpayers; and

10 WHEREAS, Lake County and the 31st Legislative District  
11 would benefit from a study assessing how specific units of  
12 local government may be consolidated or dissolved; therefore,  
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Working Group on  
16 Local Government Consolidation is created to identify ways to  
17 eliminate barriers to consolidation and resolve certain  
18 discrepancies in the Illinois statutes governing local  
19 governments and special districts in Lake County and the 31st  
20 Legislative District; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Working Group shall consist of the  
2 following members:

3           (1) one member of the Senate appointed by the President  
4 of the Senate, who shall serve as chair;

5           (2) one member of the Senate appointed by the Senate  
6 Minority Leader;

7           (3) one member selected from recommendations provided  
8 by the Lake County Board to be appointed by the Governor;

9           (4) one member selected from recommendations provided  
10 by the Lake County Forest Preserve District to be appointed  
11 by the Governor;

12           (5) three members selected from recommendations  
13 provided by an association representing local townships to  
14 be appointed by the Governor;

15           (6) two members selected from recommendations provided  
16 by an association representing local fire protection  
17 districts to be appointed by the Governor;

18           (7) two members selected from recommendations provided  
19 by an association representing local park districts to be  
20 appointed by the Governor;

21           (8) one member selected by the College of Lake County  
22 to be appointed by the Governor;

23           (9) two members from local elementary school districts  
24 selected from recommendations provided by the  
25 Superintendent of Schools to be appointed by the Governor;

26           (10) two members from local high school districts

1 selected from recommendations provided by the  
2 Superintendent of Schools to be appointed by the Governor;  
3 and

4 (11) three members selected from recommendations  
5 provided by an association representing local  
6 municipalities or cities to be appointed by Governor  
7 Rauner; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Working Group shall meet periodically  
9 but no less than once every three months; the group shall meet  
10 in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act;  
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Revenue shall  
13 provide administrative support and technical assistance to the  
14 Working Group; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Working Group shall accept testimony and  
16 evidence from third parties, including comments from the public  
17 at large, in crafting their report to the General Assembly; and  
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Working Group shall submit their report  
20 to the General Assembly no later than May 31, 2018; the report  
21 shall include findings including, but not limited to, the  
22 following issues as they occur in Lake County:

1           (1) an assessment of the number of units of local  
2 government and the costs associated with each unit,  
3 including salaries, expenses, and operating costs;

4           (2) an assessment of the units of local government that  
5 are engaged in intergovernmental cooperation efforts and  
6 what, if any, cost savings have resulted from such  
7 partnerships;

8           (3) recommendations for the elimination of barriers to  
9 consolidation;

10           (4) recommendations for the streamlining or  
11 consolidation of units of local government; and

12           (5) recommendations for intergovernmental cooperation  
13 potential; and be it further

14           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
15 delivered to the Chair of the Working Group on Local Government  
16 Consolidation and Governor Rauner.