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HOUSE RESOLUTION 917

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WHEREAS, Many citizens of Illinois are facing an economic struggle to pay grocery bills and fill their cars' gas tanks, but downstate homeowners face the additional burden of astronomical property taxes; and

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WHEREAS, The over-reliance of government on property taxes to generate ever increasing revenues has resulted in an unstable and unpredictable system that drains the resources of homeowners who are hard-pressed to afford the nearly constant tax increases; and

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WHEREAS, It is past time to reexamine the property tax system in Illinois in order to reevaluate its goals and determine alternative methods of achieving its purposes; therefore be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there is created the Property Tax Task Force consisting of 9 members appointed as follows: (i) 5 members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated as the chairperson of the Task Force at the time of appointment; and (ii) 4 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; no more than 3 members may reside within the same judicial district; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the Property Tax Task Force shall conduct a study of the property tax system in Illinois and investigate methods of reducing the reliance on property taxes and alternative methods of funding; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their

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1 reasonable and necessary expenses; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its findings to  
3 the House of Representatives no later than January 1, 2005, at  
4 which time the Task Force is dissolved.