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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1395

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1395 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
5 adding Section 3.1-25-100 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-100 new)

7 Sec. 3.1-25-100. City of Chicago Heights-Ford Heights.
8 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary:

9 (a) Beginning June 1, 2017 and until May 31, 2025, the
10 Village of Ford Heights and City of Chicago Heights shall be a
11 single municipality with a single municipal government, which
12 may be referred to as the City of Chicago Heights-Ford Heights.

13 (b) The terms of office of all officers elected for the
14 Village of Ford Heights and City of Chicago Heights shall end
15 on May 31, 2017.

16 (c) For the 2017 and 2021 consolidated election cycles, a

1 single set of municipal officers shall be elected for the City
2 of Chicago Heights-Ford Heights, with a single board composed
3 of 8 alderman who shall run at-large.

4 (d) For the 2024 general election, a referendum shall be
5 voted upon by the electors of the City of Chicago Heights-Ford
6 Heights. Subject to the referendum form requirements of Section
7 16-7 of the Election Code, the referendum shall be in
8 substantially the following form on the ballot:

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10 Shall the City of Chicago YES
11 Heights-Ford Heights -----
12 continue as a consolidated city? NO
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14 (e) If a majority of the electors of the City of Chicago
15 Heights-Ford Heights approve the referendum described in
16 subsection (d), the City of Chicago Heights-Ford Heights shall
17 continue, and the elections of the City of Chicago Heights-Ford
18 Heights shall continue to elect officers and alderman under
19 subsection (c) at the 2025 consolidated election and each
20 consolidated election thereafter.

21 (f) If a majority of the electors of the City of Chicago
22 Heights-Ford Heights reject the referendum described in
23 subsection (d), then:

24 (1) in the 2025 consolidated election, the electors of

1 the former Village of Ford Heights shall elect 6 trustees
2 and the electors of the former City of Chicago Heights
3 shall elect 7 alderman together with all other municipal
4 officers as they existed prior to June 1, 2017, to their
5 respective village and city; and

6 (2) on June 1, 2025, the Village of Ford Heights and
7 the City of Chicago Heights shall revert back to their
8 statuses as existing prior to June 1, 2017.".