



1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28
2 (As Amended by Senate Amendment No. 2)

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

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

8 WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds that consolidation of
9 units of local government shall only occur with no reduction in
10 the quality of service to taxpayers; and

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

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
17 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Working Group on Local Government
18 Consolidation is created to identify ways to eliminate barriers
19 to consolidation and resolve certain discrepancies in the
20 Illinois statutes governing local governments and special
21 districts in Lake County and the 31st Legislative District; and

1 be it further

2 RESOLVED, The Working Group shall consist of the following
3 members:

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

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

8 (3) one member of the House of Representatives
9 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

10 (4) one member of the House of Representatives
11 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House;

12 (5) one member selected from recommendations provided
13 by the Lake County Board appointed by the Governor;

14 (6) one member selected from recommendations provided
15 by the Lake County Forest Preserve District appointed by
16 the Governor;

17 (7) three members from local townships appointed by the
18 Governor;

19 (8) two members from local fire protection districts
20 appointed by the Governor;

21 (9) two members from local park districts appointed by
22 the Governor;

23 (10) one member selected by the College of Lake County
24 appointed by the Governor;

25 (11) two members from local elementary school

1 districts selected by recommendations provided by the
2 Superintendent of Schools appointed by the Governor; and

3 (12) two members from local high school districts
4 selected by recommendations provided by the Superintendent
5 of Schools appointed by the Governor; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, The Working Group shall meet periodically but no
7 less than once every 3 months; the group shall meet in
8 accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act; and
9 be it further

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

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

17 RESOLVED, That the Working Group shall submit their report
18 to the General Assembly no later than October 1, 2016; the
19 report shall include findings including, but not limited to,
20 the following issues as they occur in Lake County:

21 (1) an assessment of the number of units of local
22 government and the costs associated with each unit,

1 including salaries, expenses, and operating costs;

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

6 (3) recommendations for the elimination of barriers to
7 consolidation;

8 (4) recommendations for the streamlining or
9 consolidation of units of local government; and

10 (5) recommendations for intergovernmental cooperation
11 potential.