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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 28

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Joint Resolution 28 by
3 replacing everything after the heading with the following:

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

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

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

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

1 be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
4 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Working Group on Local Government
5 Consolidation is created to identify ways to eliminate barriers
6 to consolidation and resolve certain discrepancies in the
7 Illinois statutes governing local governments and special
8 districts in Lake County and the 31st Legislative District; and
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, The Working Group shall consist of the following
11 members:

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

14 (2) one member of the Senate appointed by the Senate
15 Minority Leader;

16 (3) one member of the House of Representatives
17 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

18 (4) one member of the House of Representatives
19 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House;

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

22 (6) one member selected from recommendations provided
23 by the Lake County Forest Preserve District appointed by
24 the Governor;

1 (7) three members selected by recommendations provided
2 by an association representing townships appointed by the
3 Governor;

4 (8) two members selected by recommendations provided
5 by an association representing fire protection districts
6 appointed by the Governor;

7 (9) two members selected by recommendations provided
8 by an association representing park districts appointed by
9 the Governor;

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

12 (11) two members from local elementary school
13 districts selected by recommendations provided by the
14 Superintendent of Schools appointed by the Governor; and

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

18 RESOLVED, The Working Group shall meet periodically but no
19 less than once every 3 months; the group shall meet in
20 accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act; and
21 be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Revenue shall
23 provide administrative support and technical assistance to the
24 Working Group; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, The Working Group shall accept testimony and
2 evidence from third parties, including comments from the public
3 at large, in crafting their report to the General Assembly; and
4 be it further

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

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

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

15 (3) recommendations for the elimination of barriers to
16 consolidation;

17 (4) recommendations for the streamlining or
18 consolidation of units of local government; and

19 (5) recommendations for intergovernmental cooperation
20 potential.".