



SR0736

LRB099 13040 GRL 36917 r

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 with no reduction in
9 the quality of service 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 NINETY-NINTH 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, The Working Group shall consist of the following
2 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 appointed by the Governor;

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

12 (5) three members from local townships appointed by the
13 Governor;

14 (6) two members from local fire protection districts
15 appointed by the Governor;

16 (7) two members from local park districts appointed by
17 the Governor;

18 (8) one member selected by the College of Lake County
19 appointed by the Governor;

20 (9) two members from local elementary school districts
21 selected by recommendations provided by the Superintendent
22 of Schools appointed by the Governor; and

23 (10) two members from local high school districts
24 selected by recommendations provided by the Superintendent
25 of Schools appointed by the Governor; and be it further

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

5 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Revenue shall
6 provide administrative support and technical assistance to the
7 Working Group; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, The Working Group shall accept testimony and
9 evidence from third parties, including comments from the public
10 at large, in crafting their report to the General Assembly; and
11 be it further

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

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

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

22 (3) recommendations for the elimination of barriers to
23 consolidation;

- 1 (4) recommendations for the streamlining or
2 consolidation of units of local government; and
3 (5) recommendations for intergovernmental cooperation
4 potential.