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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 selected from recommendations
13 provided by an association representing local townships
14 appointed by the Governor;

15 (6) two members selected from recommendations provided
16 by an association representing local fire protection
17 districts appointed by the Governor;

18 (7) two members selected from recommendations provided
19 by an association representing local park districts
20 appointed by the Governor;

21 (8) one member selected by the College of Lake County
22 appointed by the Governor;

23 (9) two members from local elementary school districts
24 selected from recommendations provided by the
25 Superintendent of Schools appointed by the Governor; and

26 (10) two members from local high school districts

1 selected from recommendations provided by the
2 Superintendent of Schools appointed by the Governor; and be
3 it further

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

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

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

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

19 (1) an assessment of the number of units of local
20 government and the costs associated with each unit,
21 including salaries, expenses, and operating costs;

22 (2) an assessment of the units of local government are

1 engaged in intergovernmental cooperation efforts and what,
2 if any, cost savings such partnerships have resulted in;
3 (3) recommendations for the elimination of barriers to
4 consolidation;
5 (4) recommendations for the streamlining or
6 consolidation of units of local government; and
7 (5) recommendations for intergovernmental cooperation
8 potential.