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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, Lake County and the 31st Legislative District  
8 would benefit from a study assessing how specific units of  
9 local government may be consolidated or dissolved; therefore,  
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Working Group on  
13 Local Government Consolidation is created to identify ways to  
14 eliminate barriers to consolidation and resolve certain  
15 discrepancies in Illinois statutes governing local governments  
16 and special districts in Lake County and the 31st Legislative  
17 District; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Working Group shall consist of the  
19 following members:

- 20 (1) one member of the Senate appointed by the President  
21 of the Senate, who shall serve as chair;

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

3           (3) one member selected from recommendations provided  
4           by the Lake County Board appointed by the President of the  
5           Senate;

6           (4) one member selected from recommendations provided  
7           by the Lake County Forest Preserve District Board appointed  
8           by the Senate Minority Leader;

9           (5) two members selected from recommendations provided  
10          by an association representing local townships appointed  
11          by the President of the Senate;

12          (6) one member selected from recommendations provided  
13          by an association representing local townships appointed  
14          by the Senate Minority Leader;

15          (7) one member selected from recommendations provided  
16          by an association representing local fire protection  
17          districts appointed by the President of the Senate;

18          (8) one member selected from recommendations provided  
19          by an association representing local fire protection  
20          districts appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;

21          (9) one member selected from recommendations provided  
22          by an association representing local park districts  
23          appointed by the President of the Senate;

24          (10) one member selected from recommendations provided  
25          by an association representing local park districts  
26          appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;

1           (11) one member selected by the College of Lake County  
2 Board appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;

3           (12) one member from local elementary school districts  
4 selected from recommendations provided by the  
5 Superintendent of Schools appointed by the President of the  
6 Senate;

7           (13) one member from local elementary school districts  
8 selected from recommendations provided by the  
9 Superintendent of Schools appointed by the Senate Minority  
10 Leader;

11           (14) one member from local high school districts  
12 selected from recommendations provided by the  
13 Superintendent of Schools appointed by the President of the  
14 Senate;

15           (15) one member from local high school districts  
16 selected from recommendations provided by the  
17 Superintendent of Schools appointed by the Senate Minority  
18 Leader;

19           (16) two members selected from recommendations  
20 provided by an association representing local  
21 municipalities appointed by the President of the Senate;  
22 and

23           (17) one member selected from recommendations provided  
24 by an association representing local municipalities  
25 appointed by the Senate Minority Leader; and be it further

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

5           RESOLVED, That the Working Group shall accept testimony and  
6 evidence from third parties, including comments from the public  
7 at large, in crafting their report to the General Assembly; and  
8 be it further

9           RESOLVED, That the Working Group shall submit their report  
10 to the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2016; the  
11 report shall include findings including, but not limited to,  
12 the following issues as they occur in Lake County:

13           (1) an assessment of the number of units of local  
14 government and the costs associated with each unit,  
15 including salaries, expenses, and operating costs;

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

19           (3) recommendations for the elimination of barriers to  
20 consolidation;

21           (4) recommendations for the streamlining or  
22 consolidation of units of local government; and

23           (5) recommendations for intergovernmental cooperation  
24 potential.