



**SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON LITIGATION AGENDA**

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Creating “Accountability Charges” for Violations of the Shakman Consent Decree**

**WHEREAS**, violations of the Shakman Consent Decree cost Cook County over \$600,000 in Fiscal Year 2013 and millions of dollars in previous fiscal years; and

**WHEREAS**, payments for violations of the Shakman Consent Decree are deducted from the Cook County Self-Insurance Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no financial penalty to individual departments that violate the Shakman Consent Decree; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Finance Committee’s Subcommittee on Litigation of the Cook County Board of Commissioners approves a plan to assess an “Accountability Charge” against any Department that is found to be in violation of the Shakman Consent Decree in Fiscal Year 2014 and future years for any action occurring after January 1, 2014; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the “Accountability Charge” approved plan includes a deduction in the operating funds of the Department in the amount of two percent (2%) of the total amount assessed for the violation of the Shakman Consent Decree and the deducted funds shall be transferred to the Cook County Self Insurance Fund.

**Legislative History :** 11/13/13 Board of Commissioners referred to the Finance Committee

**Legislative History :** 12/4/13 Finance Committee referred to the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Legislative History :** 2/18/14 Finance Subcommittee on Litigation recommended for deferral

**Legislative History :** 2/19/14 Board of Commissioners deferred