



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: County Clerk

Summary: Submitting for approval changes in suburban Cook County precinct boundaries under the jurisdiction of the Cook County Clerk's Election Department. The Clerk proposes eliminating 74 voting precincts, changing the total number from 1,673 to 1,599. This reduction represents a 4 percent decrease in voting precincts.

The Clerk's Election Department targeted combining precincts that had low registered voters and shared a polling place. An analysis of the precincts revealed many that were underutilized by too few voters or that could be easily combined with other precincts.

Reducing the number of precincts and combining precincts will decrease costs associated with the Judges of Elections, equipment programming, equipment delivery and polling place rental fees. The precinct reduction is anticipated to save \$100,000 per election in even-numbered years. In 2016, it will result in at least \$200,000 in savings.