



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A HEARING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is home to more than five million people, and

**WHEREAS**, all people require access to safe drinking water to live, and

**WHEREAS**, the vast majority of Cook County residents access their drinking water from Lake Michigan, and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Tribune recently published “The Water Drain” series, which outlined how predominantly African American suburbs are adversely impacted by a surge in water prices, and

**WHEREAS**, residents in the southern and western suburbs of the county are especially impacted by spiking municipal water rates, and

**WHEREAS**, Access to safe, clean, and affordable drinking water is a basic human rights issue, and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County should do everything within its power to help its poorest residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the President of the Board that the Human Relations Committee shall hold a hearing around the issue of water infrastructure and billing in Cook County.