



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

URGING THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND THE STATE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES ETHICS ACT

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly recently passed P.A. 098-0457 which amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act; and

WHEREAS, the amendment adds members of a governmental entity appointed by a president or chairperson of a county board; and

WHEREAS, the amendment left out the appointment of members to a governmental entity by members of a county board effectively excluding some members appointed by board members only; and

WHEREAS, this omission of members appointed exclusively by board members was not the intention of the sponsor; and

WHEREAS, after speaking to the sponsor of the amendment it was agreed that additional language was necessary to close this loophole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby urge the General Assembly to amend 5 ILCS 430/70-20 with the following language to rectify this omission:

Sec. 70-20. Members appointed by a county. In addition to any other applicable requirement of law, any member of a governmental entity appointed by the president or chairperson of a county board, with or without the advice and consent of the county board, or appointed exclusively by county board members, shall abide by the ethics laws applicable to, and the ethics policies of, that county and, if applicable, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of that county's ethics officer or inspector general.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the General Assembly as a record of our request.