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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION URGING THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TO CREATE STRICTER CRITERIA FOR WHO CAN SERVE
AS A METRA BOARD DIRECTOR

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioner

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STRICTER CRITERIA FOR WHO CAN SERVE
AS A METRA BOARD DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Rail Board (METRA) is responsible for overseeing a \$713 million budget
and operating one of the largest metropolitan rail systems in the country; and

WHEREAS, recent scandals involving Alex Clifford's separation agreement have rocked the METRA
Board and caused the resignation of the METRA Board Chairman and several Directors; and

WHEREAS, the METRA Board of Directors have a fiduciary duty to our taxpayers to ensure that the
fiscal and operational health of METRA is sustainable; and

WHEREAS, public confidence in the METRA Board of Directors is at an all-time low and therefore
more accountability measures need to be instituted; and

WHEREAS, 70 ILCS 3615/ 3.01 vests authority in the suburban members of the Cook County Board
and the Cook County Board President to appoint five Directors to the METRA Board; and

WHEREAS, the only criteria that 70 ILCS 3615/ 3.01 sets forth for the appointment of a Director is
that they reside in suburban Cook County; and

WHEREAS, proper management and oversight by the METRA Board demands basic requirements
from an appointed Director; and

WHEREAS, chief among these requirements should be a threshold age limit, educational level, and
professional background.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners urges the
Illinois General Assembly to codify basic requirements in order for an appointment to serve as Metra

Board Director.

*Referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee on 09/11/12.

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