



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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## Legislation Text

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Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

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**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.**