



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROGRESS UPDATES ON CONSOLIDATION OF RECORDER OF DEEDS AND COUNTY CLERK

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2016, the Cook County Board of Commissioners voted to place a question before the electorate via a referendum on the November 8, 2016, countywide ballot asking “Shall the Office of the Cook County Recorder of Deeds be eliminated and all duties and responsibilities of the Office of the Cook County Recorder of Deeds be transferred to, and assumed by, the Office of the Cook County Clerk by December 7, 2020”; and

WHEREAS, 62% of Cook County voters voted “yes” to the referendum question; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the will of the citizens is adhered to in an efficient and orderly fashion, it will be beneficial for the County Board and general public to be updated on a regular basis on the consolidation process via a status update presented to the Board and considered in the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee; and

WHEREAS, since said consolidation has a 4-year timeline, a phased-in update schedule is the most reasonable and constructive manner for the Board of Commissioners to be informed of the progress as follows:

- Semi-annually for fiscal years 2017-2018 in May and November
- Quarterly for fiscal years 2019-2020 in January, March, July and October

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby request that the Cook County Recorder of Deeds or designee responsible for the consolidation process as well as the Cook County Clerk or designee responsible for the consolidation process, present and deliver in writing, status update reports on progress being made towards the consolidation of their offices, along with a timeline of target benchmarks, and appear before the Board to present their status updates and respond to questions from Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said status update reports be delivered and presented to the Board of Commissioners via the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations committee beginning in May of FY2017.

Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.