



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONSOLIDATION**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has taken steps to consolidate and modernize Information Technology functions and services in the County through ordinances, memoranda of agreement, and administrative policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners communicated an urgent need to facilitate efforts to operate cost-effective and efficient government operations during the Finance Committee hearings regarding the FY18 Cook County Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, some Cook County Information Technology functions and services are decentralized and operated separately across different County agencies, offices, and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Chief Information Officer believe that additional opportunities for efficiencies in Information Technology functions and services should be studied and implemented;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners as follows:

#### **1. Cook County Information Technology Consolidation Study**

All Cook County agencies and offices with distinct IT operations not under the direct control of the Chief Information Officer shall collaborate to thoroughly evaluate IT operations for duplication of and potential opportunities to consolidate and centralize functions and services. In addition to other areas of focus deemed relevant by the Chief Information Officer, the Study should prioritize the following functions:

- a. Information Security;
- b. Help Desk;
- c. Data Center and Server Management;
- d. Default Productivity and Communication Software.

Such evaluation, along with concrete and actionable recommendations, shall be compiled in written form and delivered to the Cook County Board of Commissioners within 120 days of the passage of this Resolution.

#### **2. Cook County Information Technology Governance Legislation**

In collaboration with other Cook County agencies and offices and parallel to the Consolidation Study process, the Chief Information Officer shall draft and submit to the Cook County Board of Commissioners a proposed Information Technology Governance Ordinance that:

- a. Ensures all Information Technology investments funded by Cook County Board-authorized expenditures accord with industry best practices and be made pursuant to Countywide technology standards, strategic plans, and policies; and
- b. Ensures all Cook County agencies and offices are protected by coordinated and up-to-date information security and privacy policies.

