



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **REQUESTING A HEARING OF THE LITIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF SHAKMAN COMPLIANCE IN THE OFFICES OF THE COOK COUNTY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THE COOK COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS AND THE COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR**

**WHEREAS**, violations of the Shakman Consent Decree in the Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court's office have cost taxpayers a total of over \$275,000 through February 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, violations of the Shakman Consent Decree in the Cook County Assessor's office have cost taxpayers a total of over \$2.5 million dollars through February 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, violations of the Shakman Consent Decree in the Cook County Recorder of Deed's office have cost taxpayers a total of over \$2.4 million dollars through February 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, recent reports from the court appointed compliance administrators have identified continuing problems that must be addressed to achieve compliance; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, Cook County was found to be compliant with the Shakman Decree; and

**WHEREAS**, reaching compliance with the Shakman Decree in the offices of the Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Cook County Assessor and the Cook County Recorder of Deeds will result in significant cost savings to Cook County taxpayers; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that a meeting of the Litigation Subcommittee be convened to discuss the status of Shakman Compliance in the offices of the Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Cook County Assessor and the Cook County Recorder of Deeds; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Shakman Compliance Administrators, officials from the Office of the Independent Inspector General and officials from the offices of the Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Cook County Assessor and the Cook County Recorder of Deeds appear before the Subcommittee and be prepared to update the Subcommittee members on the status of Shakman compliance in each office.