REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

November 1, 2011

The Honorable,
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Fritchey, Commissioners Beavers, Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Reyes and Steele (3)

Also Present: Clem Balanoff – Deputy Clerk of Cook County; Justin Mattson, GIS Analyst, Cook County Clerk's Office; Courtney Grave, Spokeswoman, Office of the Cook County Clerk

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County met pursuant to notice on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at the hour of 9:15 A.M. in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Your Committee has considered the following items and, upon adoption of this report, the recommendations are as follows:

315003 COOK COUNTY CLERK, David Orr, by Jan Kralovec, Director of Elections. Transmitting a Communication dated, October 17, 2011:

The Clerk is submitting for approval changes in suburban Cook County precinct boundaries under the jurisdiction of the Cook County Clerk's Election Department. The Clerk proposes eliminating ~~275~~ 264voting precincts, changing the total number from 1,937 to ~~1,662~~ 1673. This reduction represents a 14 percent decrease in voting precincts.

In conjunction with redistricting, the Clerk's Election Department redrew precinct boundaries. An analysis of those new precincts revealed many that were underutilized by too few voters or that could be easily combined with other precincts.

Reducing the number of precincts and combining precincts will decrease costs associated with the Judges of Elections, equipment programming, equipment delivery and polling place rental fees. The precinct reduction is anticipated to save $500,000 per election in even-numbered years. In 2012, it will result in at least $1 million in savings.

***Referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee on 10-18-11.**

Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Daley, moved to Accept the Amendment to Communication No. 315003, which changes the number of eliminated voting precincts from 275 to 264. The motion carried.

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved to Accept the Amendment to Communication No. 315003, which changes the total number of precincts from 1,662 to 1,673. The motion carried.

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved to Approve Communication No. 315003 as Amended. The motion carried.

Chairman Suffredin requested that township maps, broken down by precinct, from the Cook County Clerk's Office, be entered into the record.

Chairman Suffredin asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speaker, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107(dd):

1. George Blakemore – Concerned Citizen

Commissioner Silvetri moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Sims. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION WITH REGARD TO THE MATTER NAMED HEREIN:

Communication Number 315003 — Approved as Amended

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Legislation and
Intergovernmental Relations

Larry Suffredin, Chairman

Attest:

Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

*An audio recording of this meeting is available in the Office of the Secretary to the Board, 118 North Clark Street, Room 567, Chicago, IL 60602.