

Whereas, the Citizens' Efficiency Commission (the Commission, CEC) was established through a referendum placed on the ballot by the Sangamon County Board in 2010, which received public approval with over 62% voting in favor of its creation; and

Whereas, the Commission was tasked with finding ways for local governments to improve economy, efficiency, and effectiveness by assessing and proposing opportunities for improved cooperation, coordination, and reduction or elimination of duplication of effort across jurisdictional boundaries in the region; and

Whereas, understanding its mission and the charge of the public, the Commission developed a *Philosophy of Recommendations* intended to guide its research toward the creation of thorough, well-validated, objective recommendations; and

Whereas, the Commission has successfully conducted research toward this end and in keeping with this philosophy, issuing twenty-three formal recommendations and a series of informational white papers for local officials and citizens' use during that time; and

Whereas, the Commission has indicated on numerous occasions that research and implementation actions exist that would benefit the taxpayers of the Sangamon County region, but that it has not had adequate time or resources to fully explore; and

Whereas, the Commission has discovered that many of the benefits of the recommendations it proposed will only be realized in the presence of a continued, cross-jurisdictional regional effort to gauge efficiency and effectiveness and ensure that public programs are managed toward those ends; and

Whereas, the Sangamon County Board has reviewed the work of the CEC and found value in its recommendations and activities, and additionally finds that further benefit could be accrued to the taxpayers of the region through additional efforts by such a body; and

Whereas, the Sangamon County Board has found it of benefit to resolve to support a referendum question related to the continuation of this body's work in a nine-member renewed commission; and

Whereas, these nine members shall, insofar as possible, be persons who are not in a position to augment their income or promote their special interests through membership on the Commission; are not selected based upon political party affiliation; are broadly representative of the community's geographic, economic, racial and cultural diversity; are knowledgeable, active, or interested in community affairs; and commit to their availability for meetings of the renewed Commission and any committees or task forces it may establish; and

Whereas, no member of the renewed Commission may be one who holds government elective office or is employed by a unit of local government; and

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Whereas, at minimum three (3) of the renewed Commission members shall be those who have served on the prior Commission in order to encourage continuity of the CEC's efforts; and

Whereas, the renewed Commission shall be self-governing, and shall prepare and adopt by-laws, rules, and regulations for the internal governance of its own business including the replacement of its members who become unable to serve, and the Commission shall operate under the provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act, as well as in keeping with the *Philosophy on Recommendations* adopted by the CEC in 2011; and

Whereas, the duties and functions of this renewed Commission shall be repealed thirty-six (36) months after its establishment by referendum;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Members of the Board of Sangamon County, Illinois, in session this 23rd day of December, 2013, that in the March 18, 2014 primary election there shall be placed on the ballot the proposition heretofore states in substantially the following form:

Shall the work of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission for Sangamon County be extended for 36 months so that it may continue, with a membership of nine, to carry on its mission of improving local government economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in Sangamon County by assessing and proposing opportunities for local governments to improve cooperation and coordination, reduce or eliminate duplication of effort, share services between and among local governments, and implement its recommendations?

And be it further resolved that the Sangamon County Clerk shall certify said question to the Sangamon County Election Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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