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Resolution No. 14-1

WHEREAS, the current economic recession is placing unprecedented fiscal pressure on local governments, as well as on those individuals, families and businesses in our community that provide the tax dollars to fund local governments in Sangamon County; and

WHEREAS, it is always the duty of local governments in Sangamon County to look for methods and procedures to utilize taxpayers dollars as efficiently and effectively as possible; and

WHEREAS, the State and Federal governments continue to pass legislation that places mandates on local governments, without the accompanying funding; and

WHEREAS, the State and Federal governments are making intergovernmental and regional initiatives a critical component of eligibility for grant programs; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of such issues, there shall be created a Citizens' Efficiency Commission (the Commission) which shall have as its purpose improving local government economy, efficiency and effectiveness by assessing and proposing opportunities for improved cooperation, coordination and reduction or elimination of duplication of effort and the sharing of services between and among local governments in Sangamon County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission shall meet regularly and all of the findings and recommendations of the Commission shall be made available to the general public, as well as to the elected officers of those local governments represented on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission shall consist of 23 members appointed as follows:

Four (4) citizens nominated by the Mayor of Springfield and appointed by the Springfield City Council.

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Four (4) citizens nominated by the Sangamon County Board Chairman and appointed by the Sangamon County Board.

Two (2) citizens appointed collectively by village boards in Sangamon County.

Two (2) citizens appointed collectively by townships in Sangamon County.

Two (2) citizens appointed collectively by the school districts in Sangamon County.

One (1) citizen appointed by the Springfield Park District Board.

One (1) citizen appointed by the Springfield Metropolitan Sewer District Board.

One (1) citizen appointed by the Springfield Mass Transit District Board.

One (1) citizen appointed by the Springfield Airport Authority Board.

One (1) citizen appointed by the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition & Auditorium Authority Board.

One (1) citizen appointed collectively by the community college districts in Sangamon County.

One (1) citizen appointed collectively by the fire protection districts in Sangamon County.

One (1) citizen appointed collectively by the library districts in Sangamon County.

One (1) citizen appointed collectively by the water districts in Sangamon County.

WHEREAS, at least one appointment from the City of Springfield and at least one appointment from Sangamon County shall be a member of a racial minority, as recognized by the U.S. Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is designed to truly be a "citizen" commission, which looks beyond individual local government interests, jurisdictional lines or bureaucratic structures; and

WHEREAS, no member of the Commission may be appointed who holds elective office or is employed by the appointing entity involved in the Commission; and

WHEREAS, in selecting members to the Commission, insofar as possible, individuals should be appointed 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; commit to their availability for meetings of the Commission and any committees or task forces it may establish; and, in total, reflect a fair representation of the local governments in Sangamon County; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Commission shall serve two-year terms, and no Commission member shall receive compensation for Commission activities; and

WHEREAS, the duties and functions of the Commission shall be repealed four years after its establishment by referendum; and

WHEREAS, the 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 obligations and responsibilities of its officers and members, and designate the time and place of its meetings; and

WHEREAS, a quorum shall exist if a majority of the commissioners who have been appointed and qualified are present; and

WHEREAS, the Commission shall submit its final recommendations no later than 36 months after its establishment by referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Commission shall operate under the provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the Commission shall have the authority to seek grants and other sources of funds helpful and necessary in the accomplishment of its tasks; and

WHEREAS, given its unique role, responsibilities and relationship with many area local governments, the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission may be called upon to assist the Commission in its work; and

WHEREAS, the Commission may also call upon the employees of the various jurisdictions and entities making appointments to the Commission to also assist in its work; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is encouraged to seek the advice, guidance and expertise of individuals and organizations from outside our community that are experienced in efforts to improve efficiencies through the reduction of duplicative government services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Members of the Board of Sangamon County, Illinois, in session this 10th day of August, 2010, that in the November 2, 2010 general election there shall be placed on the ballot the proposition heretofore stated in substantially the following form:

Shall there be created a Citizens' Efficiency Commission which shall have as its purpose improving local government effectiveness by identifying opportunities for improved cooperation, coordination and reduction of duplication of services among local governments in Sangamon County.

AND BE IT further resolved that the Sangamon County Clerk shall certify said question to the Sangamon County Election Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

















