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## **Rep. Fine Ethics Reform Measure Advances**

*Legislation aims to prevent graft and corruption by boards and commissions*

**GLENVIEW, IL** – Continuing her efforts to increase accountability and push for meaningful ethics reform in Illinois, legislation sponsored by state Rep. Laura Fine (D-Glenview) requiring appointed board members to follow the ethics laws of the local government body that oversees them passed out of the Illinois House on Thursday.

“Whether elected or appointed, government officials have a responsibility to be good stewards for taxpayers,” said Fine. “The events that occurred in Northfield Woods Sanitary District are very unfortunate and should have never happened in the first place. This piece of legislation adds much needed safeguards for our entire community.”

House Bill 2925 is the result of recommendations made by the Cook County Inspector General’s Office after an investigation of three Northfield Woods Sanitary District trustees. The investigation found that three trustees overpaid themselves by more than \$264,000 from 2008 to 2011. Additionally, and without any authorization, the trustees created and contributed to a pension plan.

Fine’s measure requires boards and commissions that are appointed by the Cook County President to be subject to the ethics laws of that county. The bill also stipulates that all of the board members will be under the jurisdiction of the county’s inspector general.

“I am pleased that this strong ethics reform legislation has passed out of the House and I will continue working hard to make sure elected officials and board members are working for taxpayers, not themselves,” said Fine. “As we find instances of corruption and abuse, we must be willing to make the necessary changes to prevent it from happening again.”

House Bill 2925 now moves to the Senate for further consideration. For more information about this or other upcoming pieces of legislation, please contact Rep. Fine’s constituent services office by calling (847) 998-1717 or by e-mailing [RepFine@gmail.com](mailto:RepFine@gmail.com).

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