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## **Rep. Fine Urges Governor to Sign Legislation to Hold Boards and Commissions Responsible to the Public**

**GLENVIEW, IL** – In an effort to increase transparency and push for ethics reform, state Rep. Laura Fine (D-Glenview) is urging the governor to sign legislation aimed at stopping corruption on local boards and commissions.

“After the questionable actions at Northfield Woods Sanitary District were exposed, it became evident that something needed to be done,” Fine said. “This legislation puts in necessary safeguards to protect hard working taxpayers.”

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, the trustees created and contributed to a pension plan, without any authorization.

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

“This legislation makes it clear that public service is about serving others, not yourself,” Fine said. “I will continue pushing for legislation that hold all appointed and elected officials accountable to the people they serve. I urge the governor to sign this legislation into law.”

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