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Rep. Fine Legislation Increasing Accountability of Public Boards Becomes Law

GLENVIEW, IL – Strong ethics and transparency legislation sponsored by state Rep. Laura Fine (D-Glenview) increasing oversight and accountability of public boards and commissions was recently signed into law.

“Taxpayers should be able to trust their dollars are not being misused by public boards and commissions,” Fine said. “After the dealings at Northfield Woods Sanitary District were exposed, it was clear that safeguards needed to be put in place to hold public officials responsible.”

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 appointed by county board presidents to be subject to the ethics laws of that county. The new law also stipulates that all board members will be under the jurisdiction of that county’s inspector general.

“Public officials should put the needs of the community they serve first,” Fine said. “This legislation makes it clear that anyone appointed to a board or commission caught abusing their position will be held accountable for their actions.”

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