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## **Fine Introduces Legislation to Strengthen Ethics Standards for Local Boards**

**GLENVIEW, IL** – State Rep. Laura Fine (D-Glenview) introduced a bill Monday that will strengthen the ethics rules for board members appointed by state law or elected officials.

“I am committed to cleaning up state government,” said Fine. “From local boards and commissions to the governor’s office, we must make sure that every public servant follows the rules. This bill will ensure that non-elected individuals serving on public boards and commissions are held to the same standards as our elected officials.”

House Bill 2925 comes from recommendations made by the Cook County Inspector General’s Office. After an investigation of three Northfield Woods Sanitary District trustees that found three trustees paid themselves over \$264,000 from 2008 to 2011.

The bill will require boards, commissions, authorities and task forces that are created by state law or an executive order of the governor and appointed by local governments be subject to the ethics laws and the jurisdiction of the inspector general that currently governs that the respective local government entity.

“When we see instances of corruption and mismanagement, lawmakers must take immediate action,” said Fine. “This bill will increase transparency and prevent taxpayers’ hard earned money from being misused. I will continue to work with lawmakers and public servants from every level of government to rid the state of corruption.”

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

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