

**Lee County Board
Dixon, Illinois**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM TO THE VOTERS OF
LEE COUNTY REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF SEPARATING FROM COOK
COUNTY TO FORM A NEW STATE**

WHEREAS, the County of Lee, Illinois is a duly organized and existing county created and operating under the provisions of the Illinois Counties Code and the laws of the State of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Election Code provides that any public question authorized by statute shall be initiated in accordance with 10 ILCS 5/28-1 and 5/28-5; and,

WHEREAS, the County Board of the County of Lee, Illinois find it to be in the best interests of the County of Lee, Illinois to put a non-binding, advisory referendum question on the ballot regarding whether the County of Lee, Illinois should correspond with the boards of other counties of Illinois, outside of Cook County, about the possibility of separating from Cook County to form a new state and to seek admission to the Union as such, and that said question should be submitted by referendum to the County of Lee electorate at the November 5, 2024 general election.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Lee County that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to place on the November 5, 2024, General Election Ballot in Lee County the following non-binding, advisory, public question in accordance with applicable law:

Shall the board of Lee County correspond with the boards of other counties of Illinois, outside of Cook County, about the possibility of separating from Cook County to form a new state and to seek admission to the Union as such, subject to the approval of the people?

YES _____ **NO** _____

PASSED BY THE LEE COUNTY BOARD

THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024

BY: _____
County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Lee County Clerk