



**McHenry County  
Illinois**

**To: Governor Rauner**

**Nov 14, 2017**

In regards to House Bill 171, that speedily passed the House and Senate last week, we, the under signed McHenry County Board members sincerely request that you veto HB 171, and allow McHenry County to continue to operate local government based on decisions made by local voters. The bill appears to have been drafted with apparently one concern, removing the authority/minimizing the role of the McHenry County Board to set/assign committee assignments, and provide that power solely to the Chairman of the Board. The population restrictions (over 300K, under 900K) means the bill applies only to Lake, Kane, Will, and McHenry. This bill does not significantly change how Lake and Kane County conduct business, and Will County has previously selected the Executive Form of Government. In contrast, McHenry County currently has a process that provides equal District Representation (we have 6 four-member districts), with the Chairman of the Board, to collaboratively set Standing Committee structure and to recommend committee assignments with a requirement for each district to be represented on each committee.

Please veto HB 171 to allow local politics to remain under local control.

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