



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Text

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### Ordinance amending the Lake County Ethics Ordinance.

- Since March, the Ethics Committee has reviewed applicable Illinois State law and ordinances from other counties regarding ethics.
- At its May meeting, the Ethics Committee recommended approval of an ordinance regulating the ethical conduct of County Board members and employees.
- Attached is the recommended ordinance.

### **LAKE COUNTY ETHICS ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, on May 11, 2004, this County Board adopted the Lake County Ethics Ordinance in accordance with the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (Public Act 93-615, effective November 19, 2003, as amended by Public Act 93-617, effective December 9, 2003), regulating ethical conduct, political activities and the solicitation and acceptance of gifts by State Officials and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ethics Ordinance requires Lake County elected and appointed officials and employees to comply with regulations contained therein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ethics Ordinance imposes penalties for violations of its regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the amended Ethics Ordinance provides for the State's Attorney's Office to conduct investigations and prosecute violators in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court; and

**WHEREAS**, because the Ethics Ordinance provides for the imposition of significant penalties for violations of said local regulations, it is necessary to adopt the required regulations by Ordinance rather than Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the attached Ethics Ordinance be adopted.