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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Illinois Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/28-1, et seq., and the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-1-8, the corporate authorities of a municipality have the authority to submit public questions to the electors of the municipality by means of a referendum; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Chicago ("City Council") hereby intends to submit to the residents of the City of Chicago ("City") three public questions of city-wide significance; and

WHEREAS, The City Council believes it is in the best interest of the residents of the City to move as expeditiously as possible to submit these propositions to the voters at the next regularly scheduled municipal general election to be held on February 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Resolution SR2014-636, passed by the City Council by a vote of 50-0 on October 8, 2014, authorized the submission of three public questions to the voters of the City at the next regularly scheduled municipal general election to be held on February 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Because the City Council wishes to ensure that the City's citizens have an opportunity to vote on the three issues set forth in Resolution SR2014-636, and due to an abundance of caution regarding technical concerns in conjunction with the passage of Resolution SR2014-636, the City Council finds it prudent to withdraw Resolution SR2014-636 and replace it in its entirety with this resolution; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

Section 1. The above recitals are expressly incorporated herein and made part hereof as though fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Resolution SR2014-636 is hereby withdrawn and replaced in its entirety with this resolution.

Section 3. The City Council of the City of Chicago does hereby initiate and authorize the following public questions to be submitted to the voters of the entire City of Chicago at the regularly scheduled municipal general election next occurring after the effective date of this resolution, on February 24, 2015:

Should employers in the City of Chicago be required to provide their employees with paid leave in the event of a personal or family illness, an incident of domestic or sexual violence, or a school or building closure due to a public health emergency?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Should employees of the City of Chicago, if convicted of a domestic violence offense during employment, be referred to a treatment service and required to attend at least one session as a condition of continued employment?

☐ Yes

Should the City of Chicago or the State of Illinois reduce the influence of special-interest money in elections by financing campaigns using small contributions from individuals and a limited amount of public money?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Section 4. The City Clerk of the City of Chicago shall certify the public questions referenced herein to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners in accordance with Article 28 of the Election Code,

Section 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.

Chicago, November 5, 2014

To the President and Members of the City Council:

Your Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics, having under consideration

A resolution providing for the submission of three public questions to Chicago voters at the February 24, 2015 general municipal election regarding: (1) whether employers should provide paid sick leave; (2) whether city employees convicted of domestic violence should be required to undergo treatment service as a condition of continued employment; and (3) whether the City of Chicago or the State of Illinois should reduce the amount of influence of special interest groups in elections by financing campaigns with small contributions and limited public money,

begs leave to recommend that Your Honorable Body pass the Ordinance which is transmitted herewith.

This recommendation was concurred in by a viva voce vote of the members of the committee.

Alderman Michelle A. Harris Chairman,
Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics

Respectfully submitted,