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## Legislation Text

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### ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago has a significant governmental interest in promoting and protecting the public safety and welfare of its children; and

WHEREAS, During the summer months, the Chicago Public Library serves as a customary gathering place for children; and

WHEREAS, Sexual offenders and sexual predators may attempt to victimize unsuspecting children in Chicago Public Libraries; and

WHEREAS, The potential risk of harm to children will be reduced if sexual offenders and sexual predators are prohibited from entering Chicago Public Libraries when children are most likely to be present there; now, therefore,

### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this ordinance as if fully set forth herein and are hereby declared to be the findings of the City Council of the City of Chicago.

SECTION 2. Chapter 8-16 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting a new Section 8-16-127, as follows:

#### **8-16-127 Sexual offenders in Chicago Public Libraries - When prohibited.**

a) Prohibition. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, it shall be unlawful for any registered sex offender to enter or otherwise be present in the Chicago Public Library or any of its branches at any time during the summer.

b) Exception for voting. If the Chicago Public Library or any branch thereof is used as a polling place for an election, a registered sex offender may enter such library for the limited purpose of voting if the registered sex offender is eligible to vote at that polling place.

c) Definitions. As used in this section:

"Registered sex offender" means any person who is registered or required to be

registered as a sex offender under the Illinois Sex Offender Registration Act or under any federal or other jurisdictional law.

"Summer" means the period beginning on June 1 and ending on August 31.

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d) Signage required. Signage shall be posted in a conspicuous place at each entrance to the Chicago Public Library and its branches notifying persons of the prohibition set forth in subsection (a) of this section. Such signage shall include the dates during which the prohibition is in effect.

e) Penalty. Any person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 for each offense. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take full force and effect ten days after its passage and publication.

Alderman Michelle A. Harris, 8 Ward

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