

RESOLUTION NO. 8-1

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SUBMISSION OF A BINDING QUESTION OF PUBLIC POLICY TO THE ELECTORS OF SANGAMON COUNTY REGARDING ELIMINATING THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SANGAMON COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Sangamon County Board places a high priority on reducing costs of county government;

**WHEREAS**, closely related, overlapping administrative functions within local governments provide excellent opportunities for consolidation; and

**WHEREAS**, the functions of the office of both Sangamon County Recorder of Deeds and the Office of the Sangamon County Clerk include maintaining official records; and

**WHEREAS**, voters in other Illinois counties have recently elected to consolidate the powers and duties of the office of the Recorder of Deeds with existing County Clerk offices to save taxpayer funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Sections 4(c) and 11 of the Illinois Constitution, provides that a County Board, by a resolution, may authorize a referendum to eliminate a County office, including the office of the Recorder of Deeds; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 28-7 of the Illinois Election Code (10ILCS 5/28-7), provides that a governing body may initiate a public question as outlined in Article VII of the Illinois Constitution through resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 28-2 (c) of the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/28-2(c), provides that a resolution of a unit of local government which initiates the submission of the public question pursuant to law must be adopted no less than 79 days before a regularly scheduled election to be eligible for submission on a ballot at such election; and

**WHEREAS**, the next regularly scheduled election at which a referendum required by Article VII may be placed on the ballot shall occur on April 1, 2025:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sangamon County Board, Sangamon County, Illinois, a unit of local government, that the following binding question shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the County of Sangamon on April 1, 2025:

**SHALL THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SANGAMON COUNTY BE ELIMINATED AND ALL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS BE TRANSFERRED TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SANGAMON COUNTY ON APRIL 1, 2026.**

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*Don H. Hays*  
Sangamon County Clerk

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this question, as fully set forth in the previous paragraph, is authorized and shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the County of Sangamon at the Consolidated General Election to be held on April 1, 2025, in accordance with all applicable provisions of Illinois law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk as the Election authority of Sangamon County, is hereby directed to certify said binding question of public policy in accordance with the Illinois Election Code on or before January 23, 2025.

**PRESENTED, ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND RECORDED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D. 2025.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andy VanMeter, Chair  
Sangamon County Board

Recorded & Attested to:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Don Gray, Clerk of Sangamon County

(Resolution offered by County Board Members Tony DelGiorno, Marc Ayers and Sam Cahnman)