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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2914

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2914 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
5 adding Section 8-1-19 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/8-1-19 new)

7 Sec. 8-1-19. Legal expenses cap.

8 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a
9 municipality may not incur legal expenses in excess of
10 \$1,000,000 for a single lawsuit against or by the municipality
11 in a single fiscal year unless the electors of the municipality
12 approve a greater amount of legal expenses after a referendum
13 under subsection (b).

14 (b) Upon the adoption of an ordinance by the city council
15 of the municipality requesting a referendum to incur additional
16 legal expenses for a lawsuit, a referendum, subject to the

1 requirements of Section 16-7 of the Election Code, shall be
2 placed on the ballot for all electors residing in the
3 municipality at the next general election in substantially the
4 following form:

5 May the (name of municipality) expend more than the
6 \$1,000,000 statutory cap on legal expenses for the
7 (current/next) fiscal year regarding (description of
8 lawsuit)?

9 The votes shall be recorded as "Yes" or "No".

10 (c) This Section does not apply to salaries and benefits
11 paid to attorneys and paralegals who are full-time or part-time
12 employees a municipality.

13 (d) "Legal expenses" do not include a civil judgment or a
14 settlement in a civil action."