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1 SENATE RESOLUTION 2 WHEREAS, Property tax appeals are necessary to ensure 3 property tax assessments are accurate and fair; and 4 WHEREAS, The Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board (the Board) was established to consider appeals after decisions 5 6 from County Boards of Review; and 7 WHEREAS, The Board makes a decision in each appeal based 8 on equity and the weight of evidence; and 9 WHEREAS, Property tax appeals involve the filing of various forms, documentation, and photographs at each stage of 10 11 the appeal process to meet the evidentiary burden; and 12 WHEREAS, The Board and many counties require mail-in or hand delivery of property tax appeal forms and materials; and 13 WHEREAS, Submission of multiple paper copies is overly 14 burdensome to those with limited time and resources; this 15 16 burden falls disproportionately on individuals with lower 17 incomes seeking appeals and can impair their access to justice; and 18

19 WHEREAS, The use of a centralized statewide submission

- 1 platform has the potential to ease this burden and promote a
- 2 consistent process across Illinois counties; therefore, be it
- 3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
- 4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Illinois
- 5 Property Tax Appeal Board to deliver a report to the Illinois
- 6 Senate on or before May 1, 2021 that examines the feasibility
- 7 and associated costs of implementing a centralized property
- 8 tax appeal submission platform for appeals to the Property Tax
- 9 Appeal Board and counties that elect to use this platform to
- 10 process appeals and any additional internet-based platform the
- 11 Board may find sufficient to accept property tax appeals
- 12 electronically; and be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That this report should describe available
- 14 technology and cost estimates and offer potential funding
- sources to cover the costs associated with implementation; and
- 16 be it further
- 17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- delivered to the Property Tax Appeal Board.