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RE: Submission of Proposed Precinct Consolidation Plan
– Assistant Director of the Lake County Election Board, Patrick Gabrione

The following proposed plan is an updated submission to the Commission for consideration under Public Law 262 and the procedures adopted by the Commission at its June 23, 2017 meeting. This plan is an updated plan of the lodged report by from the June 30th Lake County Election Board Meeting. The update includes the suggested adjustment that none of the proposed consolidated precinct exceed 1,200 active voters. This plan results in a consolidation of 126 precincts with neighboring precincts. The anticipated cost savings in polling location personnel alone are \$84, 950 per election and \$509,700 per 4-year election cycle.

Currently 11 of Lake County's total precincts (2%) are over 1,200 active voters. Our previous plan did not result in any consolidation that would exceeded our already existing largest precinct in Cedar Lake with 1391 active voters.

The submitted adjusted plan includes a narrative and maps in paper form depicting the proposed consolidation for prompt distribution to the IEC members and the public. It is accompanied by an IEC-8 Precinct Summary Form(s) for each affected precinct. In completing our proposal, we compacted/consolidated the precincts within each district boundary as prescribed by law, combining precincts that were already voting at the same polling locations, railroad tracks, main roads, water ways and other items such as avoiding corner mergers. Within the plan, various detail is provided, such as sample distances to polling locations. We consulted with various elected officials, voters and the public. All care was given to ensure that unreasonable obstacles were not created.

Our plan reduces the costly inefficiencies of the outdated small precincts, and creates precincts more equally representative of our voting population.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Gabrione
Assistant Director of the Lake County Election Board
Member of the Small Precinct Committee