

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Property Tax Extension Limitation Law  
3 (PTELL) limits increases in property tax extensions to the  
4 lesser of 5 percent or the increase in the national Consumer  
5 Price Index for the year preceding the levy year; and

6 WHEREAS, The tax caps of PTELL were imposed by the State  
7 on DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties beginning  
8 with the 1991 levy year; and

9 WHEREAS, The tax caps of PTELL were imposed by the State  
10 on Cook County taxing districts beginning with the 1995 levy  
11 year; and

12 WHEREAS, Since the 1997 tax year, 28 downstate counties  
13 have approved property tax cap referenda while nine counties  
14 have defeated tax cap referenda; and

15 WHEREAS, Every year since tax caps were imposed numerous  
16 pieces of legislation have been introduced seeking exceptions  
17 to the tax cap limits of PTELL; and

18 WHEREAS, The General Assembly and Governor have approved  
19 a number of those exceptions allowing them to become law, and  
20 thus negating the local voter approval provisions of PTELL;  
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINTY-SECOND GENERAL  
23 ASSEMBLY, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN,  
24 that there is created a bi-partisan Tax Cap Advisory  
25 Committee to study the statewide affect of the Property Tax  
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27 farmland property taxpayers as well as the affect of tax caps  
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20           RESOLVED, that the Tax Cap Advisory Committee shall  
21 consist of 12 members; six members appointed from the House  
22 of Representatives, with 3 members appointed by the Speaker  
23 and 3 members appointed by the Minority Leader, with the  
24 majority caucus members serving at the pleasure of the  
25 Speaker and the minority caucus members serving at the  
26 pleasure of the Minority Leader; and six members appointed  
27 from the Senate, with the majority caucus members serving at  
28 the pleasure of the Speaker and the minority caucus member  
29 serving at the pleasure of the Minority Leader; all of whom  
30 shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for  
31 their reasonable and necessary expenses; and be it further

32           RESOLVED, That the Tax Cap Committee shall meet as soon

1 as possible after at least 8 members have been appointed,  
2 shall elect one member from the House and one member from the  
3 Senate to serve as co-chairs by majority vote, shall hold  
4 public hearings, and shall report its findings and  
5 recommendations to the General Assembly by filing a copy of  
6 its report with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of  
7 the House on or before January 1, 2002; and that upon filing  
8 its report the Committee is dissolved.