

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF AN  
ADVISORY QUESTION ON THE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL  
ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

Whereas, the Jersey County Board recognizes that the influence of a legislature dominated by Cook County does not align with many of our local values, and;

Whereas, the Board has become aware of an effort to begin discussions regarding the possibility of separating from Cook County, and;

Whereas, the Board seeks direction from Jersey County citizens on whether to participate in these discussions, which will include research regarding the financial implications of separation, and;

Whereas, an advisory referendum would not make the split happen, but would be an important first step, by assessing the will of the people and informing local, state, and federal officials;

Therefore, be it hereby resolved that the following advisory question be forwarded to the Jersey County Clerk to be placed on the ballot for the General Election to be held on November 5, 2024:

“Shall the County Board of Jersey County correspond with the boards of other counties of Illinois outside of Cook County about the possibility of separating from Cook County to form a new state, and to seek admission to the Union as such, subject to the approval of the people?”

[ ] Yes

[ ] No

Adopted by roll call vote this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

\_\_\_\_Ayes

\_\_\_\_Nays

\_\_\_\_Absent

\_\_\_\_Abstain

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Gary Krueger, Board Chair

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Pam Warford, County Clerk