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Statement of Rep. Fritchey on Cook County Veto Reduction Vote *Legislation Lowers Threshold of Cook County President Veto Override*

CHICAGO – State Representative John Fritchey (D-Chicago) helped pass legislation today to reduce the vote requirement necessary to override a veto by the Cook County Board President. Currently, a 4/5 majority, 14 Commissioners, is needed to override a veto by the County Board President; HB 4625, which stills needs to pass in the Senate, will lower the veto override threshold to a more democratic 3/5 majority vote, or 11 Commissioners.

Rep. Fritchey made the following statement upon seeing the overwhelming support, 95-18-2, and the passing of HB 4625:

“Today, I am grateful and would like to thank my colleagues for supporting this very important piece of legislation for Cook County residents. I have been working on this important issue with Congressman Mike Quigley since 2006. After three years, it is satisfying to see our labor come to fruition on the House floor this afternoon. With the passing of this legislation, we can now welcome the Cook County government into the 21st century, with the birth of a more democratic veto override.

While the passage of this bill is both welcome and overdue, legislation that would have rolled back the Cook County sales tax, HB 4624, unfortunately failed today. Since the Legislature determined our sales tax to be a local issue, the failure of this bill on the House floor further strengthens the need for independent voices in Cook County government. I look forward to becoming one of those leading voices as I campaign to become the next Cook County Commissioner for the 12th District.”