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Oppose HB 348 (Rep. McSweeney) for the following reasons:

- Automatically abolishes township road districts under a certain threshold in Lake County and McHenry County *without* providing the voters an opportunity to weigh in and make the decision themselves.
- In the November 2018 Election, a referendum was held on abolishing the McHenry Township Road District. The Referendum *failed* 3,455 (31.08%) to 8,267 (68.92%). Voters should have a voice.
- HB 348 is ‘special’ legislation which unequally carves out only 1 county (McHenry) with a consolidation process different than the rest of Illinois.
- Under this bill townships in McHenry County could be dissolved with no input from the County, who absorbs them, and no estimation regarding if the absorption would save taxpayers money or reduce services.
- Because of contractual obligations it is more expensive for a county to maintain road miles than a township but HB 348 makes no accommodation for this increase in taxpayer cost.
- SB 3, now Public Act 100-0107, provides a process that ensures all parties are heard, a methodology and predictability for voter’s on how services are going to be delivered.
- Current law already allows for dissolution of townships or road districts in a process that is fair, transparent and requires public hearings, HB 348 does not.

Township Officials of Illinois strongly **OPPOSES** HB 348 and urges a **NO VOTE** on HB 348.