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Ford Introduces Bill To Allow Recall of Mayor of Chicago

CHICAGO – State Representative La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, has introduced legislation in the Illinois House of Representatives that would allow the recall of a sitting mayor of Chicago. “After hearing the views and on-going frustrations from many of my constituents in Chicago, the time is right to have a mechanism to recall the mayor of Chicago,” said Ford. “The people of Chicago have lost trust in the mayor, and a mechanism to deal with the mayor is needed. I applaud the peaceful protests in Chicago reacting to the ongoing injustices and mistakes made by the mayor of Chicago and other leaders in areas such as the closure of schools in minority communities, the brutal and lethal actions by some police without any accountability, and the lack of attention to the needs for jobs on the West and the South Sides of our city. We need a mayor for all of Chicago, and the people of Chicago should have a mechanism to make a change if they feel they need another mayor to lead our city.”

House Bill 4356

(<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=4356&GAID=13&SessionID=88&LegID=930580>), which would be effective immediately, amends the Revised Cities and Villages Act of 1941 and establishes a procedure for an election to recall the Mayor of Chicago. The recall of the Mayor of Chicago may be proposed by a petition signed by a number of electors equal in number to at least 15% of the total votes cast for Mayor in the preceding election, with at least 50 signatures from each ward. Based on the April 2015 mayoral election, almost 89,000 petition signatures would be required. To become effective, this legislation must be passed by the House and the Senate and signed into law by the governor.

“We have just celebrated the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 13th Amendment that banned slavery and the 60th anniversary of Rosa Parks’ non-violent protest and arrest that was a key moment in the Civil Rights movement,” said Ford. “We can do this. It is up to the city of Chicago. It is the job of residents of our city to fight for justice and for the leadership they deserve.”

Independent of Ford, supporters of this bill have set up a Change.org petition supporting House Bill 4356 at <http://www.change.org/p/la-shawn-ford-support-bill-allowing-for-recall-of-chicago-mayor-rahm-emanuel-house-bill-4356>.

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