



## News From State Representative Dennis Reboletti

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### **Reboletti, House Approve Major Changes To DuPage Water Commission**

Springfield, IL ... Legislation sponsored by State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst) to restructure the DuPage Water Commission was approved by the House April 30.

“All government agencies and commissions should have checks and balances, just like businesses do, to ensure taxpayer money is used properly. The DuPage Water Commission’s years of financial mismanagement is unacceptable,” said Reboletti. “The legislation approved today by the House will provide for more professional and transparent management of the commission’s finances to ensure this kind of mismanagement does not happen again.”

Senate Bill 580, co-sponsored by Reboletti, terminates the current appointment members of the DuPage Water Commission on Jan. 1, 2011, and reconstitutes the commission consisting of six municipal appointed members and seven county appointed members, including the chairman. The DuPage County Board must approve the commission’s appointment of officers.

The bill also sunsets the current ¼-cent sales tax in 2016.

The legislation was filed in regards to major financial failings that resulted in millions of dollars missing from the water commissions reserve funds.

Senate Bill 580 includes specific provisions regarding financial reporting and audits.

- Establish a financial committee to supervise staff handling of financial matters and budgeting.
- Require the treasurer to report to the commission any improper or unnecessary expenditures, budgetary errors or accounting irregularities.

- Require staff to document and comply with standard accounting policies, procedures and controls to ensure accurate reporting.
- Require the finance director to provide monthly reports regarding the commission's cash and investment position.
- Restrict access to the established accounting systems and general ledger systems and provide for adequate segregation of duties so that no single person has sole access and control of finances.
- Retain an outside independent auditor to perform a comprehensive audit.

The legislation now heads back to the Senate for a concurrence vote.

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