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SUBSTITUTE 2

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Substitute resolution directing the Intergovernmental Relations Division-Department of Administration to seek introduction and passage of state legislation relating to the Boards of Fire and Police Commissioners in cities of the First Class.

This resolution directs the Intergovernmental Relations Division-Department of Administration to seek introduction and passage of state legislation to permit First Class cities to establish a Board of Fire and Police Commissioners composed of 5 members, 3 appointed by the Mayor and 2 appointed by the President of the Common Council. Of those members appointed by the Mayor, one shall have a background in law enforcement, criminal justice or police administration, and another shall have a background in fire-fighting, fire prevention or fire suppression planning. The members of the Board shall serve staggered 3-year terms.

Whereas, Created in 1885, the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was created in an attempt to insulate fire and police departments from political corruption; and

Whereas, This Board and its relationship to the departments it supervises, unique in American cities the size of Milwaukee, have served an important role in insuring an appropriate level of civilian supervision over the City's police and fire departments for over a century; and

Whereas, Despite this proud tradition, from time-to-time throughout its history the City has seen fit to request certain changes to this system in the interest of making the entire structure both more responsive and more efficient; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Intergovernmental Relations Division-Department of Administration is directed to seek introduction and passage of state legislation to permit First Class cities to establish a Board of Fire and Police Commissioners composed of 5 members, 3 appointed by the Mayor and 2 appointed by the President of the Common Council. Of those members appointed by the Mayor, one shall have a background in law enforcement, criminal justice or police administration, and another shall have a background in fire-fighting, fire suppression or fire prevention planning. All 5 members shall be subject to confirmation by the Common Council. The members of the Board shall serve staggered 3-year terms.

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