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DeKalb County will be holding municipal elections on November 5. All of us in DeKalb, including the unincorporated areas, will also have an opportunity to vote on a referendum to revise the County Board of Ethics. Voters approved the current board of ethics in 2015 by 92%. **Unfortunately, the revision being considered on the November 5 ballot will significantly remove the effectiveness of what was approved two years ago.**

In analyzing the bill, *Paul Root Wolpe, Ph.D, Director, Emory Center for Ethics* wrote:

“The bottom line is that this bill is clearly meant to weaken and dilute the excellent policy passed in 2015, without any convincing reasons to weaken the bill. DeKalb is slipping back to a posture that got it in trouble in the first place. I would agree that this bill should be strongly opposed.”

Another take on the bill can be found at: <https://www.ajc.com/news/local/torpy-large-when-ethics-effort-just-weakens-the-watchdogs/erVMSiw9hQAQatFQrCZtbI/>

At this time when many governmental officials are "ethics-challenged", I encourage you to vote "NO" on this referendum. For more detail on this issue, see <https://dekalbcitizens.org/>.

Thanks, [your name]

PS: If you feel that a yard sign with "Vote NO" on this referendum would be useful, you can order one at <https://dekalbcitizens.org/>.