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**WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ...  
PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS**

**1999-00**

(session year)

**Assembly**

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

**Committee on ... Judiciary and Personal Privacy  
(AC-JPP)**

**COMMITTEE NOTICES ...**

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**INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL**

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- Clearinghouse Rules ... **CRule** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Hearing Records ... bills and resolutions (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
  - (**ab** = Assembly Bill)                      (**ar** = Assembly Resolution)                      (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)
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## Assembly

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Judiciary and Personal Privacy**

##### **Assembly Bill 826**

Relating to: qualifications of reserve judges.

By Representatives Walker, Plale, Ainsworth, Albers, Gunderson, Huebsch, Ladwig, Nass, Powers, Seratti, Spillner, Staskunas, Stone, Suder, Urban and Ziegelbauer; cosponsored by Senators Huelsman, Darling, Farrow and Robson.

March 7, 2000            Referred to committee on Judiciary and Personal Privacy.

March 16, 2000        **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (9)    Representatives Huebsch, Gundrum, Walker, Suder, Grothman, Sherman, Colon, Hebl and Staskunas.

Excused:   (0)    None.

##### Appearances for

- Representative Scott Walker, 14th Assembly District

##### Appearances against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

##### Registrations for

- Representative Jeff Plale, 21st Assembly District
- Senator Joanne Huelsman, 11th Senate District

##### Registrations against

- Judge Michael Skwierawski, Milwaukee County

March 16, 2000        **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Present:    (9)    Representatives Huebsch, Gundrum, Walker, Suder, Grothman, Sherman, Colon, Hebl and Staskunas.

Excused:   (0)    None.


Moved by Representative Walker, seconded by Representative Huebsch, that **Assembly Bill 826** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (6) Representatives Huebsch, Gundrum, Walker,  
Suder, Hebl and Staskunas.

Noes: (3) Representatives Grothman, Sherman and  
Colon.

Excused:(0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 3, Excused 0

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Robert Delaporte  
Committee Clerk

# Vote Record

## Assembly Committee on Judiciary and Personal Privacy

Date: 3-16-00  
Moved by: Walker Seconded by: Huebsch  
AB: 826 Clearinghouse Rule: \_\_\_\_\_  
AB: \_\_\_\_\_ SB: \_\_\_\_\_ Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_  
AJR: \_\_\_\_\_ SJR: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
A: \_\_\_\_\_ SR: \_\_\_\_\_

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Be recommended for:

- Passage
- Introduction
- Adoption
- Rejection

- Indefinite Postponement
- Tabling
- Concurrence
- Nonconcurrence
- Confirmation

### Committee Member

Rep. Michael Huebsch, Chair  
Rep. Mark Gundrum  
Rep. Scott Walker  
Rep. Scott Suder  
Rep. Glenn Grothman  
Rep. Gary Sherman  
Rep. Pedro Colon  
Rep. Tom Hebl  
Rep. Tony Staskunas

<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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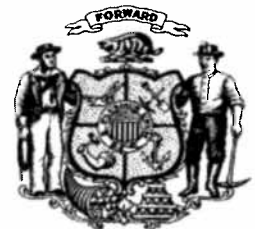
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed



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SENT VIA FACSIMILE

DATE: March 16, 2000  
TO: Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Personal Privacy  
RE: Assembly Bill 826 Relating to Qualifications of Reserve Judges

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to express my concern in opposition to the Assembly Bill 826 regarding reserve judge eligibility. My opposition stems from a general concern only. As the largest urban court system in the State of Wisconsin, District 1 (Milwaukee County) is forced to rely heavily upon reserve judges throughout the entire year to cover judges' absences from the bench for educational leave, vacations, sick leave, family leave, etc. Reserve judges are also necessary from time to time to cover excessive workloads. Under every weighted caseload study done over the past five to eight years, Milwaukee County has been found to be between 5-17 judges short. On a regular consistent basis, we employ between 5-7 reserve judges per day to cover the workload needs in this county. This is consistent with the simple math relating to our judges and workload. We have 47 judges who are entitled to two weeks of educational leave to comply with mandatory judicial education requirements, and five weeks of vacation. That alone is seven weeks times 47 judges, a total of 329 weeks which is the equivalent of 6+ full-time judicial positions.

In addition, we have tremendous difficulties in securing the services of reserve judges. Their pay is significantly less than they can earn at mediation (\$125-\$250 per hour as opposed to \$250 per day as a reserve judge) or even working at other hearing examiner positions for the State of Wisconsin which pay significantly more than reserve judging. Furthermore, a significant number of retired reserve judges leave Wisconsin for warmer climates during the winter months. For all these reasons, I am opposed to any legislation which would narrow the pool of available reserve judges to cover these courts for the citizens of Milwaukee County and the state. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions about any of this, I would be happy to respond promptly.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Skwierawski". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael J. Skwierawski  
Chief Judge, First Judicial District

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