

# Vote Record

## Senate Committee on Education

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved by: Darling  
 AB: 279 SB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 AB: \_\_\_\_\_ SJR: \_\_\_\_\_  
 AJR: \_\_\_\_\_ SR: \_\_\_\_\_  
 A: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: Erpenbach  
 Clearinghouse Rule: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Be recommended for:

- Passage
- Introduction
- Adoption
- Rejection

- Indefinite Postponement
- Tabling
- Concurrence
- Nonconcurrence
- Confirmation

Committee Member

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Sen. Richard Grobschmidt, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Robert Jauch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Kevin Shibilski	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Jim Baumgart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Judy Robson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Jon Erpenbach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Alberta Darling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Carol Roessler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Joanne Huelsman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Mary Lazich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Margaret Farrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Totals: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Carried

Motion Failed



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October 13, 1999

The Honorable Richard Grobschmidt  
Chair, Senate Education Committee  
104 South, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Grobschmidt:

I am writing to you in support of AB 279. This bill provides an effective method to resolve school district boundary disputes.

When declining enrollment, revenue limits, and growing special education costs are causing such great financial stress in many of our state's school districts, I am sure you will agree that it is extremely counterproductive for districts to enter into lengthy and costly litigation over district boundary disputes.

This bill gives these districts an opportunity to have their cases heard in front of an unbiased board in a timely manner. Furthermore, the bill is flexible in that it allows school districts to voluntarily resolve a dispute as long as the electors with an interest in the disputed territory are notified of meetings at which the dispute will be considered.

The Department of Public Instruction education agenda for the 1999-2001 biennium included a proposal very similar to AB 279. We strongly urge its passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John T. Benson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John T. Benson  
State Superintendent

cc: State Representative Cloyd Porter  
State Senator Robert Wirch



**ROBERT W. WIRCH**

STATE SENATOR TWENTY SECOND DISTRICT

**Testimony before the Senate Education Committee  
Senator Bob Wirch  
Assembly Bill 279-School District Boundary Disputes  
October 13, 1999**

Good morning, and thank you for the opportunity to speak before you.

Assembly Bill 279 was introduced by Representative Cloyd Porter, on behalf of John Roth, School Business Administrator at the Lake Geneva School District. A dispute between Williams Bay and the Lake Geneva Area School made it clear that legislation was needed to deal with school district boundary disputes. The litigation on this boundary dispute cost the school districts tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees.

Assembly Bill 279 provides school districts with an option to avoid costly lawsuits to resolve boundary disputes by allowing voluntary resolution of the dispute. Also, it allows a school board to request to go before the School District Boundary Appeals Board if an agreement cannot be reached voluntarily between the two school districts.

Boundary disputes are becoming commonplace as more and more farmland is developed all over the state. AB 279 will decrease local costs, and as you can see there should be no state fiscal impact. In addition, Assembly Bill 279 has been endorsed by the Department of Public Instruction and the School Administrator's Alliance

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AB 279 passed the Assembly on a unanimous voice vote, and I hope we can follow their lead and take favorable committee action on this bill.