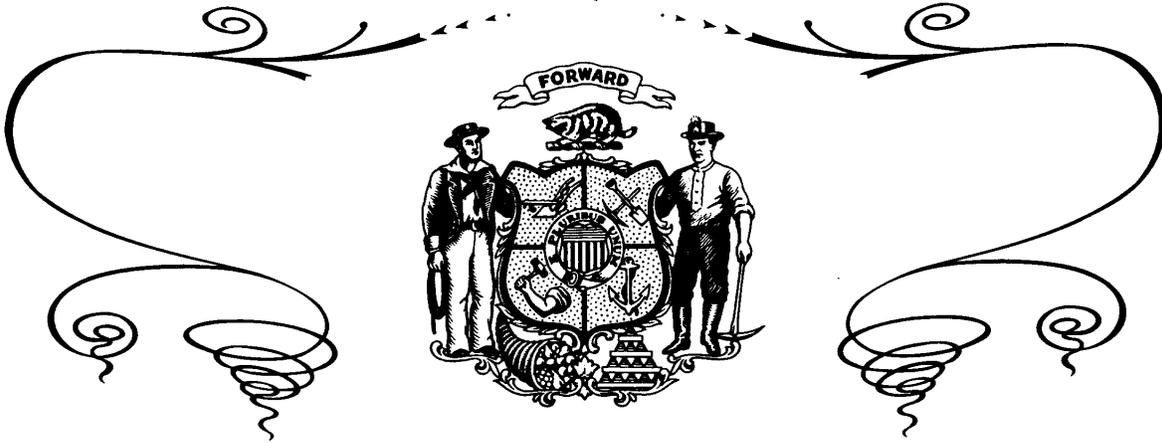


State of Wisconsin



2001 Senate Joint Resolution 57

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: urging the Minnesota legislature to continue the income tax reciprocity agreement between Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Whereas, the income tax reciprocity agreement between Wisconsin and Minnesota is designed to simplify the income tax filing process for taxpayers who live in one state and work in the other; and

Whereas, Wisconsin currently has income tax reciprocity agreements with Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Kentucky, as well as Minnesota; and

Whereas, Wisconsin's long-standing income tax reciprocity agreement with Minnesota has been in place for 34 years, having originally been enacted in 1968; and

Whereas, the governor of Minnesota has proposed ending the reciprocity agreement with Wisconsin; and

Whereas, the reciprocity agreement has been a tremendous convenience for residents in both Wisconsin and Minnesota, allowing those affected taxpayers to file one income tax return instead of one income tax return for each state; and

Whereas, ending the reciprocity agreement between Wisconsin and Minnesota would cause Wisconsin to incur significant revenue losses in the first 2 fiscal years following the end of the agreement due to Wisconsin's continued obligation to make payments to Minnesota for prior tax years; and

Whereas, elimination of the Minnesota-Wisconsin reciprocity agreement would result in a tremendous inconvenience and an increase in the cost of filing returns for tax filers in both Minnesota and Wisconsin; and

Whereas, eliminating the Minnesota–Wisconsin reciprocity agreement will potentially jeopardize other cooperative agreements between Minnesota and Wisconsin, such as the tuition reciprocity agreement; and

Whereas, eliminating the reciprocity agreement between Minnesota and Wisconsin will amount to an income tax increase on the 22,000 citizens of Minnesota that work in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, ending the reciprocity agreement between Wisconsin and Minnesota would likely result in higher administrative costs to process more complex tax forms; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature urges the Minnesota legislature to continue the income tax reciprocity agreement between our 2 states, thereby continuing a valuable and important benefit to the citizens of both states, and to maintain and build upon the cooperative relationships that have been developed between Wisconsin and Minnesota over the past decade; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint resolution to the president and chief clerk of the Minnesota senate and to the speaker and chief clerk of the Minnesota house of representatives.

Representative Scott R. Jensen
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Fred A. Risser
President of the Senate

Date

Donald J. Schneider
Senate Chief Clerk