

STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

Ninety-Sixth Regular Session

10:35 A.M

TUESDAY, January 7, 2003

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber located in the State Capitol.

Representative D. Meyer in the chair.

The Assembly dispensed with the call of the roll.

COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin Revisor of Statutes Bureau Madison

DATE: January 1, 2003

TO: Patrick E. Fuller Assembly Chief Clerk

> Donald J. Schneider Senate Chief Clerk

- FROM: Gary L. Poulson Deputy Revisor of Statutes
- **SUBJECT:** Rules published in the December 31, 2002, Wisconsin Administrative Register, No. 564.

The following rules have been published:

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin Department of Revenue Madison

January 2, 2003

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

In accordance with Section 9143 (2z) of 2001 Wisconsin Act 16, I am enclosing the Department of Revenue's study regarding moving tax processing activities to southwestern Wisconsin.

The Department has concluded that moving our tax processing activities away from their centralized location in Madison to another part of the state would not be the most cost-effective or efficient use of the state's limited resources. Some of the important reasons DOR believes that our processing activities should remain in Madison include:

- * Efficient use of equipment, space and other physical resources. The department has a new building in Madison that was specifically designed to accommodate tax processing activities.
- * Security and confidentiality of tax records. The department's existing consolidated location for tax processing lends itself well to maintaining the security and confidentiality of tax records that we strive for. Transportation of records to a location outside of our central office adds a new level of complexity to processing and may introduce opportunities for security and confidentiality breaches.
- * Additional cost. Our cost estimates indicate that moving tax processing to a location outside of Madison would result in substantial one-time costs as well as increased on-going costs.

DOR continues to work to maintain a stable, integrated tax-processing environment. Our primary focus has been to increase electronic filing, paying, and other forms of electronic business. In the future, we see further reduction of costly and time consuming manual processing of paper documents and reduced reliance on LTE staff through implementation of more efficient processing technologies and procedures.

The enclosed report details our research regarding a possible processing move and includes a detailed cost assessment.

Please contact Sherrie Gates-Hendrix if you have questions or would like further information regarding this report.

> Sincerely, *RICHARD G. CHANDLER* Secretary

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Gottlieb moved that the Assembly stand adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 28, pursuant to **Senate Joint Resolution 1**.

The question was: Shall the Assembly stand adjourned? Motion carried.

The Assembly stood adjourned.

10:36 A.M.