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Vote Record

Committee on Campaigns and Elections

Date: 7/24/03

Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____

AB 256 SB _____ Clearinghouse Rule _____
AJR _____ SJR _____ Appointment _____
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 Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
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unanimous introduction

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Committee on Campaigns and Elections

Date: 1/24/03
Moved by: Grothman Seconded by: Gundrum

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Committee on Campaigns and Elections

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Committee Member

Representative Stephen Freese

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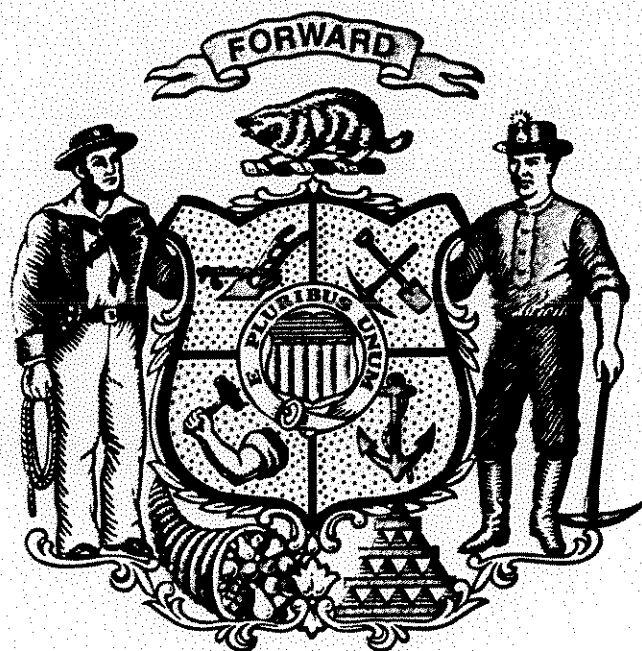
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed





CITY OF WAUPACA

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR TELEPHONE: (715) 258-4410
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April 15, 2003

Chairman Freese
Committee on Campaigns and Elections
Wisconsin Assembly

Dear Chairman Freese:

RE: AB256 – Relating to Compatible Offices and Positions for City, Village
and Town Elective Officeholders

My name is Brian Smith and I am mayor of the city of Waupaca. I am writing in support of AB 256.

The city of Waupaca is a rural community of about 5,700 people. We offer a range of services. Recreation happens to be one of our most used and popular offerings. The city not only serves city youth but youth from the surrounding area. Our numbers keep increasing. As you can well imagine, it takes a contingent of qualified, capable and willing individuals to serve as organizers, coaches and referees. Over the years it has been particularly difficult to identify people to referee our baseball, soccer and volleyball games.

AB256 is important to the city of Waupaca because the prohibition against recreation workers holding office and being paid for referring has affected us. In fact, two current alderman had to quit referring in order to continue on the Waupaca Common Council. This has been unfortunate. I can think of past alderman, myself included, that could not referee city recreation leagues. I currently referee high school football games and I wanted to lend my talent to the city leagues. I can speak for those affected by current law that we are community oriented individuals, very capable with a love of youth sport. The current compatibility law stymies our ability to both referee and be an elected official.

You see we pay our referees a nominal sum to give of their time. These people are not getting rich by any stretch of the imagination. However, to make even a little money means that the affected alderman can not referee unless it is for free. At best what this does is put additional stress on the adults that can referee. At worst, it means we have less recreation offerings (i.e. fewer teams means fewer games).

In closing, your support for AB256 will make Waupaca and all small communities stronger in that local government elected officials will have another avenue to serve their communities. For it is these people who have the desire to serve and do so through their elected positions. Please give them the ability to serve in another capacity through paid recreation program referees and recreation activity coordinators.

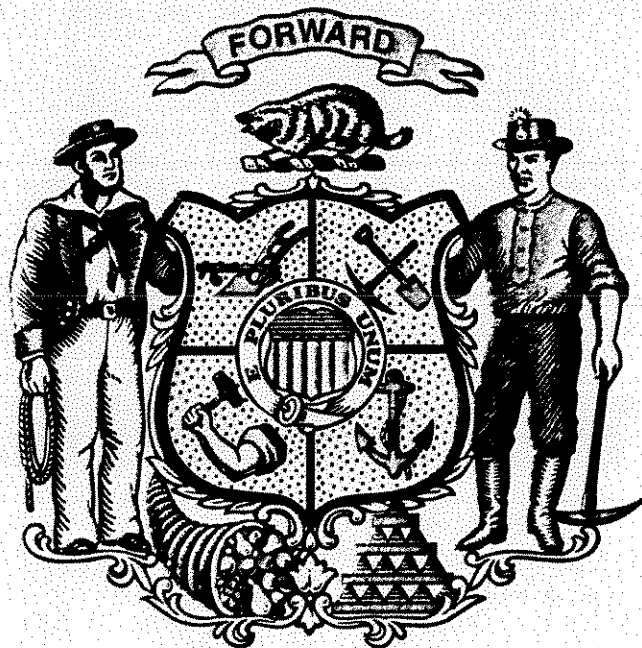
Thank you for your interest and consideration.

Sincerely,



Brian Smith
Mayor

CC: Senator Bob Welch
Assembly Person Jean Hundertmark





*City of Waupaca, Wisconsin**Parks and Recreation Department**Ph: 715-258-4435**Fax: 715-258-4426**<http://www.cityofwaupaca.org>*

State Representative
Jean Hundertmark
40th District
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708-8952

Dear Representative Hundertmark:

I am writing in support of the 2003 Assembly Bill 256. Many times Parks and Recreation Professionals have a hard time finding interested/qualified adults to work in our programs as leaders, umpires or chaperones. Over the years very qualified youth leaders have decided to run for public office and had to give up their seasonal recreational leadership positions to hold that office. It seems a shame that with the limited pool of interested adults needed to fill these part time positions, that we are not able to take advantage of some of the most ardent supporters of government.

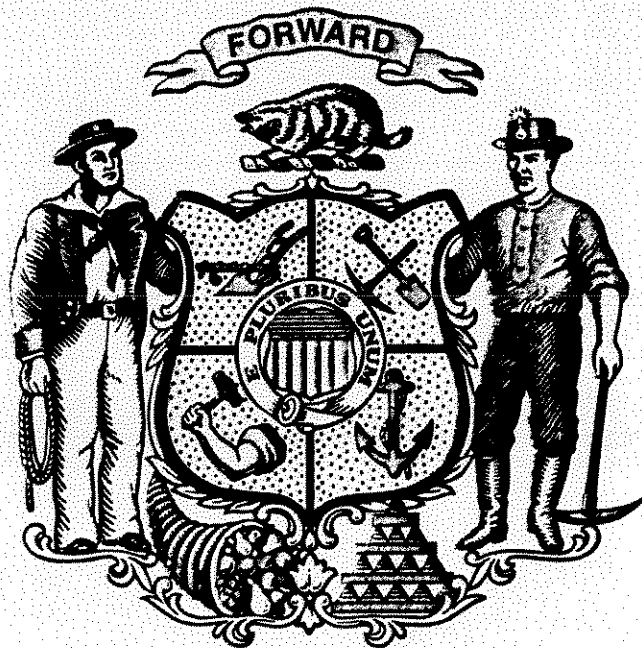
This bill will allow us to hire interested civic leaders who are already elected and serving to help run our youth programs, umpire youth sports, and serve as mentors in our recreational facilities. They would in turn not have to give up their seat on the City Council to help run a Tee Baseball Program for kids.

This bill is a "win-win" situation for Parks and Recreation Professionals needing qualified adult part time staff and local government needing interested people to stay on councils and serve in another capacity. This bill will allow us to best serve those who elect us.

Your support of Assembly Bill 256 will truly be appreciated. I support this bill and hope to see it passed as soon as possible to get these elected officials working with our kids. Thank you for your leadership with this issue.

Sincerely,

James D. Ash, Director
Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens
City of Waupaca





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TO: Representative Jean Hundertmark
FROM: Steve Thompson, CPRP, Executive Vice-President
DATE: April 16, 2003
RE: Assembly Bill 256

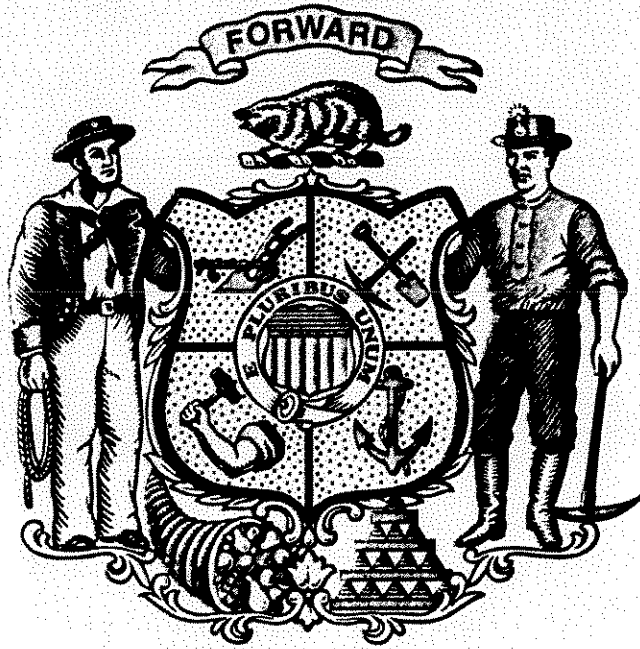
On behalf of the over 1200 members of the Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association, I would like to urge passage of the amendment to 60.37 (4) and 66.0501 (4) of the statutes relating to compatible offices and positions for city, village, and town elective officeholders.

We strongly agree with the addition to add part-time and/or seasonal employees from a park and recreational setting to the list of occupations to which the current law applies. The inclusion of part-time and/or seasonal park and recreational employees from a city, village or town whose annual compensation from these positions, including fringe benefits not to exceed \$15,000, and to allow them to hold an elective office in that city, village, or town such as volunteer fire fighters, emergency medical technicians, or first responders is critical, as the leisure services industry is and will continue to flourish well into the future.

Wisconsin will be witnessing a tremendous growth in the park and recreation arena, and the demand for seasonal and/or part-time employees in this area has, and will continue to expand in the years ahead. There has been a trend to expand seasonal and part-time park and recreation employees to save monies that would be needed for full-time employees, i.e. health coverage and other benefits, and we have witnessed a huge focus on these types of employees during the past decade. We certainly do not see a change to this trend, and if anything, an increase in this type of workforce.

We urge the passage of 2003 Assembly Bill 256, which would allow seasonal and/or part-time park and recreational employees to seek and to hold an elective office in their city, village or town as delineated by the language in this bill.

Cc: WPRRA Legislative Committee
WPRRA Board of Directors



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April 16, 2003

Committee on Campaigns and Elections
State of Wisconsin

Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of Representative Jean Hundertmark and the field of Parks & Recreation in the State of Wisconsin, I would like to express my sincere support for the revisions of Assembly Bill 256. Parks & Recreation is an invaluable asset to each and every community throughout the state. As budgets decrease, Parks & Recreation departments become the target of fiscal restraint, and our human resources become more important than ever.

Amending Bill 256 to include part-time and seasonal Parks & Recreation employees is a serious and necessary amendment. This may save many departments from having to cancel programs due to the lack of competent staff. I understand the importance of Assembly Bill 256, in relation to checks and balances. However, as with emergency medical technicians and first responders, I feel Parks & Recreation part-time and seasonal employees would hold little, if any risk to governmental decisions.

Finally, if we have members of our communities that have special skills and talents to share through their Parks & Recreation Department, should they and their community be penalized because of their elected office?

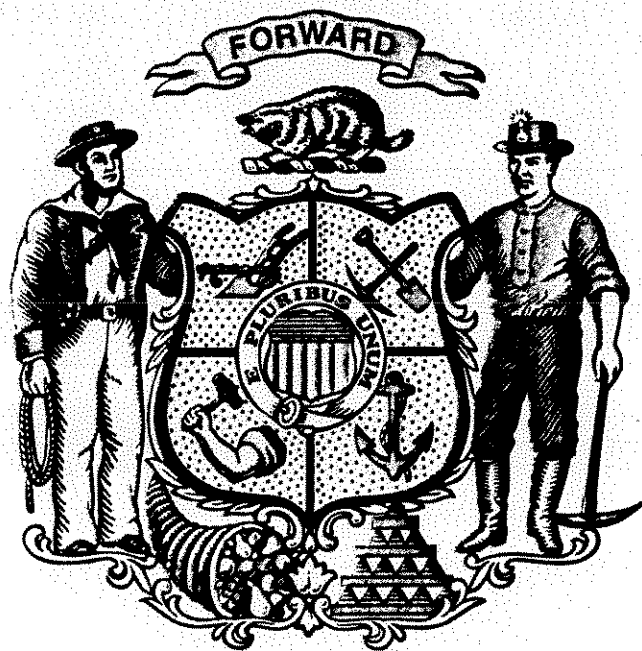
Thank you for your time and consideration of this amendment.

Respectfully,

Kelly A. Valentino, CPRP
*Director of the Jackson Parks & Recreation, and the Jackson Boys & Girls Club
Wisconsin Parks & Recreation Association President Elect*



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB





WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

*Terry C. Anderson, Director
Laura D. Rose, Deputy Director*

TO: REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN FREESE

FROM: Robert J. Conlin, ^{RJC} Senior Staff Attorney

RE: Assembly Amendment __ (LRBa0463/1) to 2003 Assembly Bill 256, Relating to Compatible Offices and Positions for City, Village, and Town Elective Office Holders

DATE: July 17, 2003

This memorandum briefly describes Assembly Amendment __ (LRBa0463/1) to 2003 Assembly Bill 256.

Assembly Bill 256, which was introduced by Representative Hundertmark and others and cosponsored by Senators Welch and Schultz, had a public hearing before the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections on April 17, 2003. It has been scheduled for executive action on July 24, 2003.

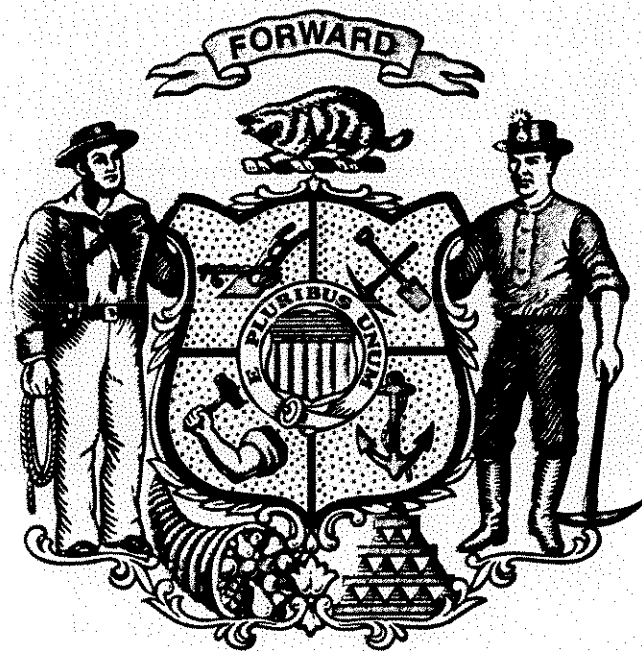
Under current common law principles, public office holders generally may not hold an incompatible position of public employment. However, the statutes provide some exceptions to this rule. One exception provides that a volunteer fire fighter, emergency medical technician, or first responder in a city, village, or town whose annual compensation from one or more of those positions, including fringe benefits, does not exceed \$15,000 may also hold an elective office in that city, village, or town.

2003 Assembly Bill 256 adds a part-time seasonal employee in a park and recreational program to the above exception. Thus, if the bill is enacted, a volunteer fire fighter, emergency medical technician, first responder, or a part-time seasonal employee in a park and recreational program in a city, village, or town whose annual compensation from one or more of these positions does not exceed \$15,000 may also hold an elective office in that city, village, or town.

Assembly Amendment __ (LRBa0463/1) modifies the bill by changing the amount that a part-time seasonal employee in a park and recreational program may earn while holding elective office. Under Assembly Amendment __ (LRBa0463/1), a part-time seasonal employee in a park and recreational program whose annual compensation from that position does not exceed **\$2,500** may also hold an elective office in that city, village, or town.

If you have any questions on this matter, please feel free to contact me at the Legislative Council staff offices.

RJC:ksm:wu;tlu



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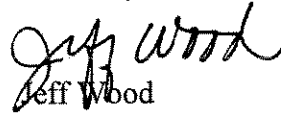
July 24, 2003

Rep. Stephen Freese
Chairman, Assembly
Committee on Campaigns & Elections
State Capitol 115 West
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Rep. Freese:

I will be unable to attend the Executive Session, July 24, 2003, of the Committee on Campaigns & Elections. For the record, If in attendance, I would have voted yes on AB 190 and AB 256.

Sincerely,


Jeff Wood