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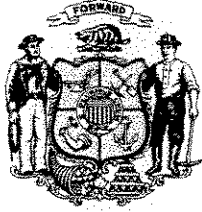
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Wisconsin State Legislature

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Jon Erpenbach, Senate Committee on Education
FR: Senator Luther Olsen, Chair, Senate Committee on Education
DT: December 1, 2005
RE: Paper Ballot for AB 308, AB 589, SB 411, SB 412

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- Moved by Senator Olsen that ASSEMBLY BILL 308 be recommended for CONCURRENCE:

Aye X No

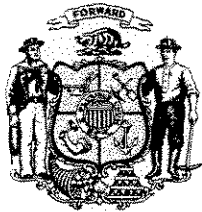
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Aye X No _____

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- Moved by Senator Olsen that SENATE BILL 412 be recommended for PASSAGE:

Aye X No _____

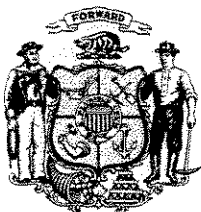
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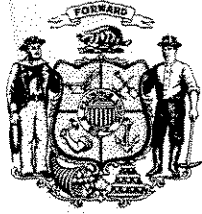
Aye X No _____

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TO: Senator Glenn Grothman, Senate Committee on Education
FR: Senator Luther Olsen, Chair, Senate Committee on Education
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Aye ~~_____~~ X No _____

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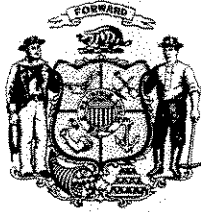
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Senator Glenn Grothman

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TO: Senator Sheila Harsdorf, Senate Committee on Education
FR: Senator Luther Olsen, Chair, Senate Committee on Education
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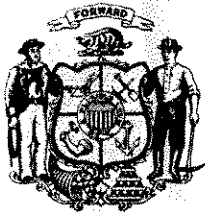
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- Moved by Senator Olsen that SENATE BILL 412 be recommended for PASSAGE:

Aye ✓ No

Signature

Sheila Harsdorf
Senator Sheila Harsdorf



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TO: Senator Alberta Darling, Senate Committee on Education
FR: Senator Luther Olsen, Chair, Senate Committee on Education
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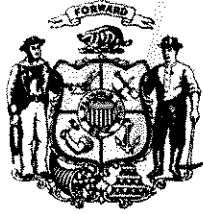
Aye X No

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Senator ALBERTA DARLING

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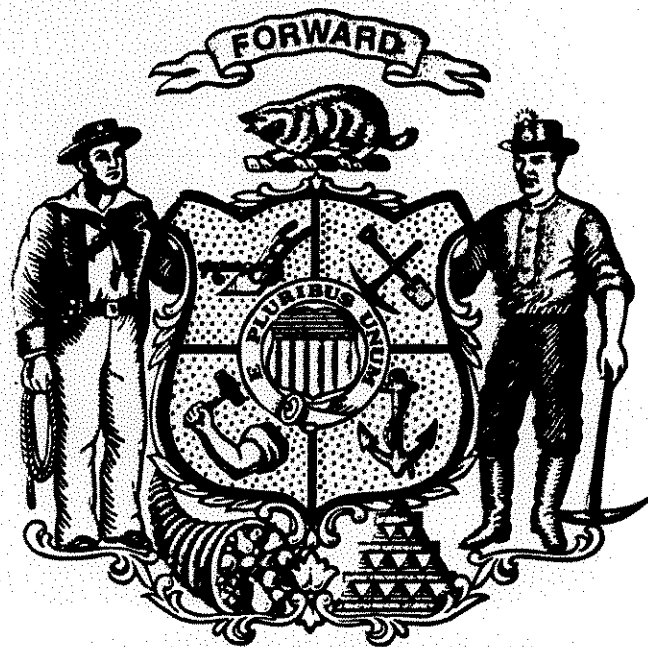
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Aye _____ No _____

Signature _____
Senator LUTHER OLSEN



Public Hearing - 11-29-05

SB 377 - Alberta
then

testimony mostly about choices, preparedness,
post-secondary education
accountability

Experiments in education
add ~~one~~ more chartering authority

6 nat'l edu goals in 1990
expanded to eight

2000 - first in world in math & science
did not happen

US 15 year olds - 28th in world in math & science

70% of 4th & 8th not proficient in reading, science & math

Charter school best solution for moving ahead

6 I disagree - Udelman - UW, independent UW Charter School
limits of parental choice, school districts not innovative

quality education for student, family, & community
Competition should be everywhere because of global economy

AB 308 - Jacquelyn testimony - no questions

AB 589 - Andy Lamb's office
CBC vaccine for meningococcal disease

Can schools post on website too?
Internet best place to distribute
packets
amendments are ok

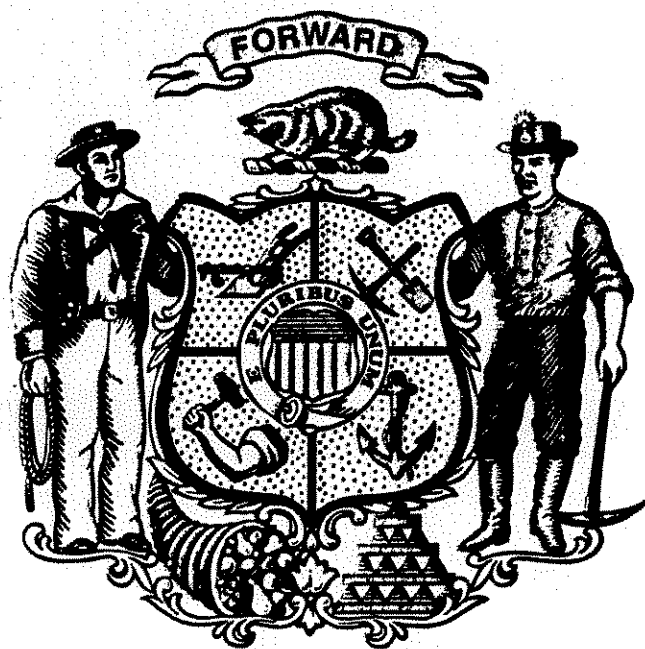
~~AB 589~~ Gail Bailey - mother
did not know anything about the disease
hardest part of the death
her son would not want that to happen
this bill is the answer
sharing of the disease, don't share germs
education and identifying signs

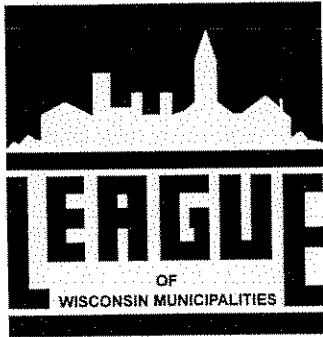
SB 410 - disruptive students in class
bill mostly a clarification, sometimes depends on administrators

Jeff Pelt's removal is a placement issue
don't think this is a real current problem
larger issue - statute, violation, etc

SB 411 - Luther no questions

SB 412 - League of Minors / Idiots





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To: Senate Committee on Education

From: Curt Witynski, Assistant Director, League of Wisconsin Municipalities

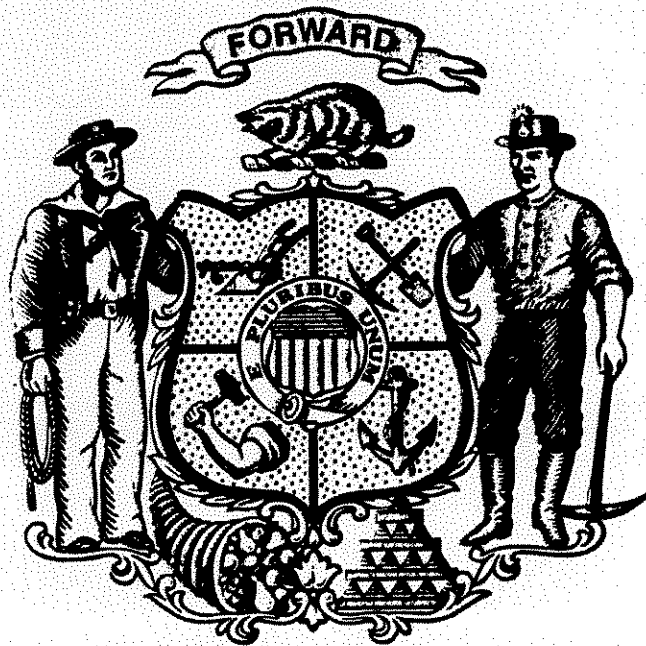
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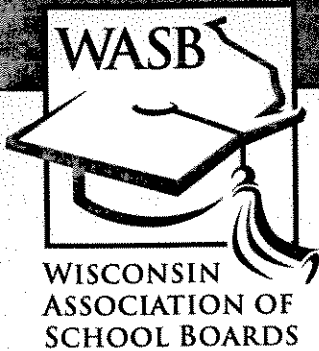
Re: **SB 412, Deadline for School Districts to Notify Municipalities of their Tax Levies**

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities has concerns about SB 412, changing the deadline for school districts to determine and then notify municipalities of their tax levies. Although this bill makes a seemingly minor change, many municipalities pay close attention to what the school district levies are when developing their final budgets. Municipalities often take into account the school tax levy as they attempt to manage the overall property tax rate since taxpayers typically don't distinguish among the various taxing jurisdictions, but only look at the bottom line. Extending the deadline for notifying municipalities by one week to November 13 will delay the municipality's efforts to finalize the tax rate, and then print and mail property tax bills in a timely fashion. State law requires that property tax bills be mailed by the third Monday in December.

For the above reason the League opposes SB 412 and urges the Committee to give consideration to the negative impact this bill may have on municipal efforts to prepare the property tax bills in a timely fashion.

Thanks for considering our comments and concerns.





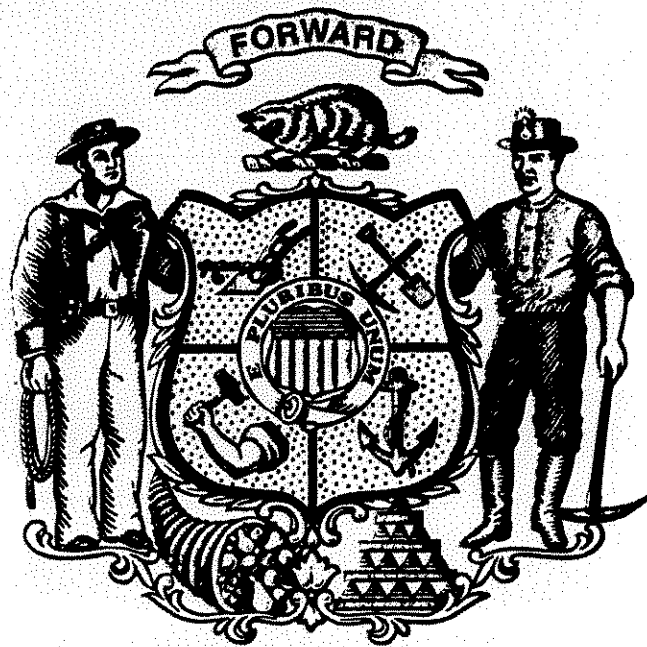
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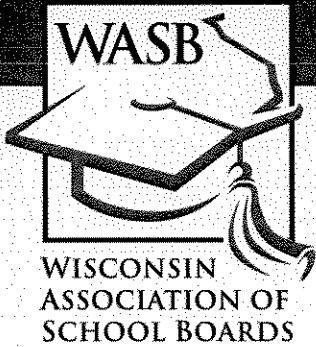
JOHN ASHLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TO: State Senate
FROM: Jeff Pertl, Legislative Services Director
DATE: November 29, 2005
RE: Summary of positions

The Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) strongly supports AB 308, SB 411 and SB 412. The WASB will provide supplementary information on SB 410 and SB 412. Thank you for your consideration.

Bill	Description	Position
SB 377	Authorizes the University of Wisconsin System to establish or contract for the establishment of a charter school.	Opposes
AB 308	Establishes a clearinghouse for information about special education transition services and vocational opportunities that are available in each county.	Supports
AB 589	Provides information about meningococcal disease to parents of pupils in grades 6 to 12.	No position
SB 410	Allows for the removal of a pupil from class, from any portion of school property, or from a school-sponsored activity.	Monitoring
SB 411	Modifies a school attendance officer's duties.	Supports
SB 412	Modifies the deadline for school districts to determine, and to notify municipalities of, their tax levies. <i>(See specific position paper)</i>	Supports





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JOHN ASHLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TO: Senate Education Committee
FROM: Jeff Pertl, Legislative Services Coordinator
DATE: November 29, 2005
RE: Support of Senate Bill 412: Levy Certification Date Change

The Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) supports SB 412. The WASB supports extending the levy certification date until after Election Day in November so that school boards can accurately certify their levy based on referenda results when necessary.

WASB Policy Book

2.10 (b) Levy Certification Extension: Provision should be made for extension of levy certification deadlines.

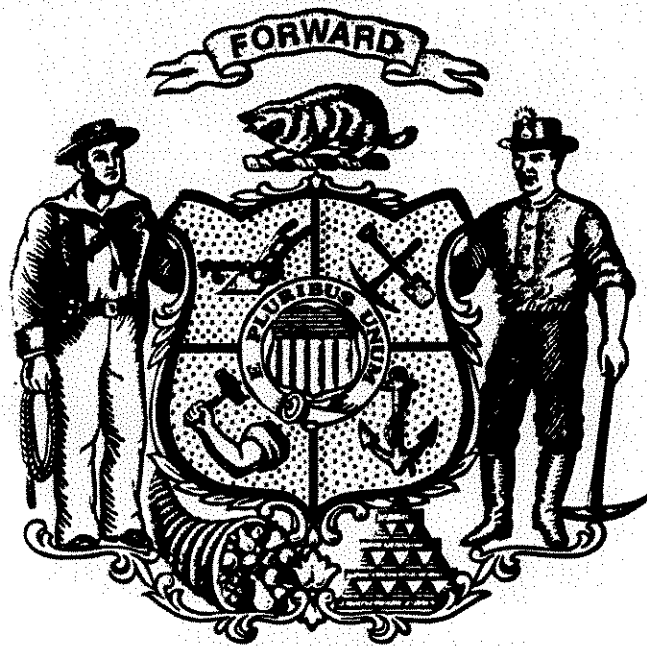
2.58 Levy Certification Date: The WASB supports allowing districts the ability to certify their tax levies on or before Nov. 15. (*Adopted 2005*)

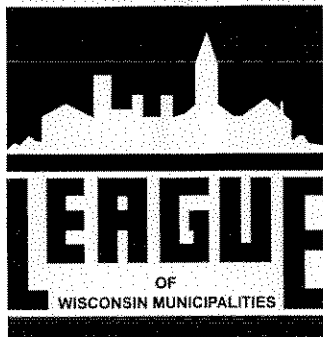
WSS 120.12 requires that levies be approved by November 1 and certified over to the municipal clerks by November 6. If there is a school district referendum on the November ballot, the levy could change depending on the outcome. As a practical matter, districts currently finalize alternative levies so the levy can be certified post-election. However, if there are multiple referenda questions, an alternative had to be adopted for each potential outcome. In some years, the November election actually falls after the certification date and agreements have to be worked about between the school district and municipal clerk.

County treasurers and municipal clerks may be concerned about a change in the deadline. However, local officials are often already overwhelmed with elections responsibilities, especially if there are referenda on the ballot. Districts that are able to certify their levies earlier will continue to do so, but districts with pending referenda need to hear from the voter before properly certifying their levies.

Additionally, the DPI's new on-line data reporting system should alleviate some of the timeline concerns. School districts will be able to report levy information quickly after evaluating referenda results. This should enable districts to continue providing information in a timely fashion, while still waiting until after the November election.

Thank you for your consideration and support of SB 412





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To: Senate Committee on Education

From: Curt Witynski, Assistant Director, League of Wisconsin Municipalities

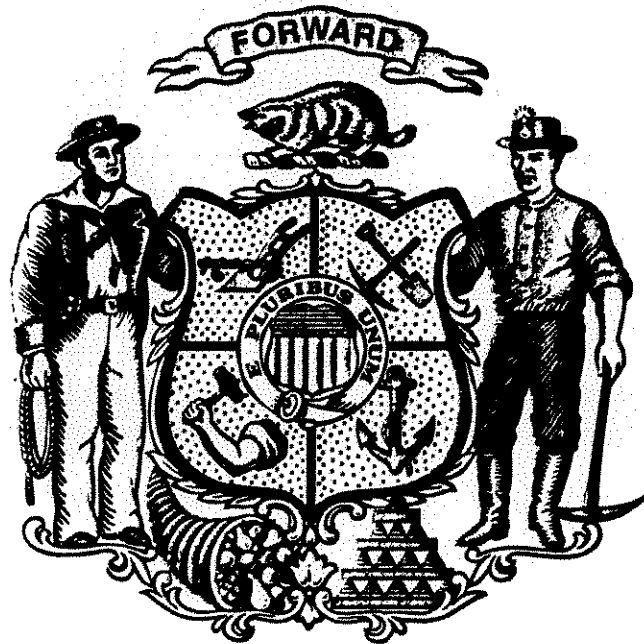
Date: November 29, 2005

Re: **SB 412, Deadline for School Districts to Notify Municipalities of their Tax Levies**

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities has concerns about SB 412, changing the deadline for school districts to determine and then notify municipalities of their tax levies. Although this bill makes a seemingly minor change, many municipalities pay close attention to what the school district levies are when developing their final budgets. Municipalities often take into account the school tax levy as they attempt to manage the overall property tax rate since taxpayers typically don't distinguish among the various taxing jurisdictions, but only look at the bottom line. Extending the deadline for notifying municipalities by one week to November 13 will delay the municipality's efforts to finalize the tax rate, and then print and mail property tax bills in a timely fashion. State law requires that property tax bills be mailed by the third Monday in December.

For the above reason the League opposes SB 412 and urges the Committee to give consideration to the negative impact this bill may have on municipal efforts to prepare the property tax bills in a timely fashion.

Thanks for considering our comments and concerns.



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State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Elizabeth Burmaster, State Superintendent

To: Senate Committee on Education
From: Jennifer Kammerud, Legislative Liaison *JK*
Date: November 29, 2005
Re: **2005 Senate Bill 412**

The Department of Public Instruction has created a new PI 401 internet-based tax levy reporting application this year. This application has significantly eased the reporting burden of tax levies by school districts to school district municipalities, the Department of Revenue and the Department of Public Instruction.

The PI 401 significantly reduces the time needed by school districts to certify levies and report them to the Department of Revenue. The new data reporting application automatically generates the PI 1508 tax levy certification forms that school districts use to certify their levies to municipalities thereby reducing the administrative time it takes to complete the certification process. Additionally, the PI 401 creates the levy by municipality data file needed by the Department of Revenue. It replaces the Department of Revenue's old PC 401 paper based levy data collection form.

The new PI 401 also collects levy data by fund which the Department of Public Instruction uses for revenue limit compliance. It replaces the old SD 401 paper form.