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Senate

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Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs

Senate Bill 423

Relating to: library boards of public libraries established in a first class city.

By Senators Coggs and Taylor; cosponsored by Representatives Colon, Fields, Zepnick, A. Williams, Toles, Richards and Cullen.

December 15, 2009 Referred to Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs.

February 17, 2010 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (4) Senators Coggs, Wirch, Lehman and Grothman.

Absent: (1) Senator A. Lasee.

Appearances For

- Spencer Coggs — Senator
- Jennifer Gonda — City of Milwaukee

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- None.

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

March 3, 2010

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (5) Senators Coggs, Wirch, Lehman, A. Lasee and Grothman.

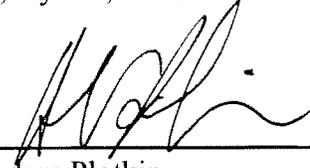
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Lehman, seconded by Senator Coggs that **Senate Bill 423** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (5) Senators Coggs, Wirch, Lehman, A. Lasee
and Grothman.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0



Adam Plotkin
Committee Clerk

Vote Record

Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs

Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Moved by: LEHMAN Seconded by: LOGGS

AB _____ SB 423 _____ Clearinghouse Rule _____
 AJR _____ SJR _____ Appointment _____
 AR _____ SR _____ Other _____

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Be recommended for:

- Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
 Introduction Rejection Tabling Nonconcurrence

Committee Member

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Senator Spencer Coggs, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Robert Wirch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator John Lehman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Alan Lasee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Glenn Grothman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed

Spencer Coggs



State Senator

**Senate Bill 423 Testimony
Senator Spencer Coggs
Tue. Feb. 9, 2010**

Members,

Thank you for holding this hearing on Senate Bill 423 regarding establishing a quorum for meetings of the Milwaukee Public Library Board.

As the statutes are currently written, the Milwaukee Public Library Board must have a quorum of totaling a majority of the total number of seats on the board, whether they are filled or not. This requirement is unique to the City of Milwaukee. Between unfilled seats and schedule conflicts, the Board has a consistent issue obtaining a quorum at its meetings.

SB 423 would make two changes to bring quorum requirements for the Milwaukee Public Library Board into alignment with other public bodies in the state. First, a quorum would be constituted by a majority of members of the **filled** board seats. Second, the requirement that the County Executive appoint a County Supervisor that does NOT live in the City of Milwaukee would be amended so that the Executive could select any Supervisor regardless of residence. This change is supported by the Milwaukee County Executive.

This legislation, while applying only to the City of Milwaukee Public Library board, has statewide ramifications. There are tremendous networks of interconnected library systems in Wisconsin that extend beyond the borders of municipalities and counties to serve patrons throughout the state. If Milwaukee is not able to achieve quorum, this will affect the other municipalities that share services with Milwaukee and those that use Milwaukee's actions as guidance for their library system.

Again, thank you for holding this hearing today on Senate Bill 423.





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Senate Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs
February 17, 2010

**Milwaukee Public Library Board Quorum
Senate Bill 423**

We would like to express our gratitude to the committee members, Representative Colon, Senator Cogg and the legislation's cosponsors for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 423 today. The Milwaukee Public Library Board and its staff are proposing this legislation to improve the ability of the Board to attain a quorum at its monthly meetings. Attaining a quorum has been an ongoing problem which inhibits the ability of Board to conduct business in a timely manner.

Quorum requirements for our Board are set forth in Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin State Statutes. Two changes are proposed:

The first change would expand the territory from which the County Executive can appoint his or her designee. Currently the County Executive's designee must reside within Milwaukee County, but not within the City of Milwaukee. Typically, the designee has been a County Supervisor. This change would give the County Executive an expanded number of County Supervisors from which to make the appointment, to include those who are city residents. With the reduction in the size of the County Board to 19 members, it has been difficult to get a non-city resident Supervisor to agree to sit on the Board. As detailed in the attached letter, the Milwaukee County Executive supports this change.

The second change alters the current quorum requirement of 7 of 12 members to instead be a majority of the filled seats. With vacant seats, it has been very difficult to attain a quorum at many meetings. This change would allow the Board to more efficiently conduct library business, especially during extended periods of vacant appointments, such as have been recently experienced.

The Milwaukee Public Library system is a local treasure with 13 heavily used locations. It circulates over 3 million items each year to local residents and serves as a federal repository as well as a statewide reference resource. With an annual budget exceeding \$20 million, it is critical that the board be able to meet on a regular basis and make timely decisions regarding its operation.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. We urge your support.

For more information, please contact:

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LEVA - Public Hrg. - 2/17/10

Bob Glaser

~~had one shared~~

- Glaser spoke

- 4 - why continue to serve?

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- SC reads testimony

- Jennifer Gonda has written testimony

SB172

- Rick Stadelman - has written testimony w/ supporting material

- SC? on broader ramifications

- Ed Huck

- OK w/ clarification aspects

- bill doesn't define contiguity, opens door to lawsuits

- eliminate second half of bill

- \$5k cap on legal costs not enough

- too much ambiguity

- Jerry Derr

- Chair of Urban Towns, Pres. of Dane Co. Towns

- a correction to a flawed law

- never intent to allow non-contiguous annexation

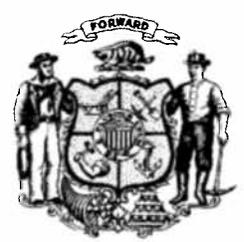
- creates patchwork annexation

- Working Lands Initiative in State Budget (?)

- SC? - may allow more court litigation



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Robert Glasser > nothing
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HEARING

SB390

Hansen & Jerry LaPoint

- both have written testimony
- SC? - allows retirees able to stay in touch
 - strictly voluntary? - yes
- JL? - not really a question
- GG? - on costs at ETF

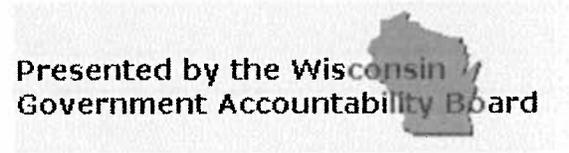
Matt Stahr, ETF

- has written testimony
- LC? - what is the need for program revenue
- Wirsch? on privacy, Lehman? on unwanted solicitations
 - ↳ blind mailing list
- GG? - asks for operational cost estimate
- ^{got} asks for bit to retiree payments assessment
- ~~denied~~ 13.10 request last December
- JL? - what's need for one time imple

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Senate Bill 423

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