



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Joint Resolution 57

Senate Amendment 1

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2013 Senate Joint Resolution 57 relates to election of the Chief Justice for the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 57

Senate Joint Resolution 57 proposes the first consideration of a constitutional amendment to revise the method of selecting a justice to serve as chief justice for the state Supreme Court. The Wisconsin Constitution currently provides that the longest-serving member of the Court, for continuous terms, serves as chief justice of the Court. The joint resolution revises the selection of chief justice to an election by a majority of the justices then serving on the Court. Under the resolution, the chief justice serves for a term of two years, and may serve for no more than three consecutive terms.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 to the joint resolution removes the prohibition on serving more than three consecutive terms.

BILL HISTORY

On November 12, 2013, the Senate adopted the amendment on a voice vote, and adopted the resolution, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 18; Noes, 15.

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