



## 1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 92

November 5, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives WALKER, STASKUNAS, STONE, HAHN, SPILLNER, PLOUFF, ALBERS, LASSA, OLSEN, TRAVIS, J. LEHMAN, KREIBICH, PETTIS and DUFF, cosponsored by Senator DARLING. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

1     **Relating to:** establishment of a rotating regional presidential primary system.

2             Whereas, the quadrennial election of the president and vice president of the  
3     United States is among the most important civic acts of the voters of this state; and

4             Whereas, the process leading to the nomination of candidates for president and  
5     vice president of the United States should be as open and participatory as possible;  
6     and

7             Whereas, it will enhance voter participation, strengthen the political process  
8     and protect the rights of all states and their citizens to have a coordinated, orderly  
9     and defined electoral schedule; now, therefore, be it

10            **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the legislature of  
11     the state of Wisconsin agrees in principle with the concept of establishing a rotating  
12     regional presidential primary system; and, be it further

13            **Resolved, That,** understanding the historically important role that smaller  
14     states have played in the presidential selection process in terms of “retail politics”,  
15     the legislature accepts the concept that under such a system the state of Iowa would

1 be allowed to conduct its caucuses and the state of New Hampshire would be allowed  
2 to conduct its primary prior to the conduct of any other primary election; and, be it  
3 further

4 ***Resolved, That*** the legislature understands that under such a system the  
5 United States would be divided into 4 geographic regions, with this state to be  
6 included in the midwestern region; and, be it further

7 ***Resolved, That*** the legislature understands that under such a system this  
8 state would hold its presidential preference primary on the first Monday after the  
9 first Tuesday in May, 2004, and thereafter every 4 years on the first Tuesday in June,  
10 March, April or May, with the month of the primary rotating in that sequence.

11 (END)