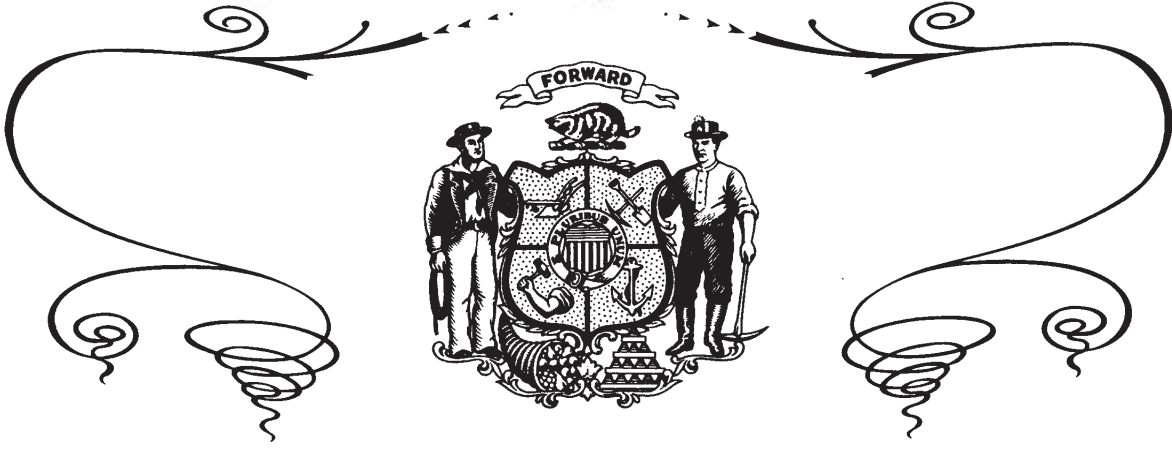


State of Wisconsin



1999 Assembly Joint Resolution 48

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: urging the Wisconsin congressional delegation to work to enact legislation that would remove social security numbers from hunting and fishing license applications.

Whereas, in 1996 Congress passed, and the President signed, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA); and

Whereas, PRWORA contained numerous provisions geared toward strengthening state laws relating to child support enforcement and paternity establishment; and

Whereas, PRWORA, among other things, requires states to implement procedures under which the state has the authority to withhold, suspend or restrict the use of driver's licenses, professional and occupational licenses and recreational licenses, including hunting and fishing licenses, of individuals owing past-due support or failing, after receiving appropriate notice, to comply with subpoenas or warrants relating to paternity or child support proceedings; and

Whereas, the venue for enforcement under PRWORA is a person's individual social security number; and

Whereas, 1997 Wisconsin Acts 27 and 191 implemented these changes for the use of social security numbers as enforcement mechanisms, including for hunting and fishing license applications, to comply with the federal 1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act; and

Whereas, the requirement for social security numbers for hunting and fishing license applications by the federal and state governments, especially those of sportsmen and women, is a major, uncalled-for invasion of the right of privacy of individuals and is a solution that far exceeds the problem that it seeks to address; and

Whereas, the heavy-handed and overbroad efforts of Congress dictating to the states how to change family law is usurpation of an area of the law reserved to the states, and unreasonably ties together 2 distinctively different areas of the law by the threat of loss of federal funds; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature urges the members of the congressional delegation from this state to work to enact legislation that would remove social security numbers from hunting and fishing license applications; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall send copies of this joint resolution to all of the members of the congressional delegation from this state.

Senator Fred A. Risser
President of the Senate

Representative Scott R. Jensen
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Charles R. Sanders
Assembly Chief Clerk