

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)