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Kuesel, Jeffery

From: Walker, Scott
Sent: Friday, August 27, 1999 9:53 AM
To: Kuesel, Jeffery
Cc: Reiman, Greg
Subject: Drafting request

Jeff,

Attached some model legislation regarding a regional presidential primary process starting in 2004. Looking at the suggested draft, I am uncertain if it would be better to draft a joint resolution this session and then a bill in the future or if I should start with a bill. The language does not have to be the same as the model as I know look different in our statutes.

Please give me your feed back.

Thank you,

Scott Walker

P.S. Greg Reiman of our office is now working on elections.

Kuesel, Jeffery

From: Walker, Scott
Sent: Thursday, September 02, 1999 2:25 PM
To: Kuesel, Jeffery
Subject: RE: Regional presidential primary

An AJR is fine at this time.

Here is the model legislation from the NSSA:



NSSA model
legislation.txt

Scott Walker

-----Original Message-----

From: Kuesel, Jeffery
Sent: Friday, August 27, 1999 2:09 PM
To: Walker, Scott
Cc: Reiman, Greg; Marchant, Robert
Subject: Regional presidential primary

Scott, regarding your e mail on the regional presidential primary, It would make some sense to me to try to get some consensus on a date before we draft a bill, because these drafts tend to be somewhat laborious (they consist basically of 80-odd date changes) and we would therefore prefer to draft only one version if possible. However, if there is a consensus, we would be ready to draft the bill. The joint resolution would be much easier to draft, however, and we could do it more quickly, if time is a consideration. Also, if you do not intend to enact the bill this session, a joint resolution might suffice at this point.

Also, your e mail indicated there was an attached draft, but I did not receive it. When you get a chance, could you forward the attachment? I will be out of the office the week of the 30th but am returning the week of the 7th.

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Approved February 12, 1999

Model Presidential Primary Legislation

Section 1

Findings and Declaration

1. The people of the state of _____ acting through their elected legislative representation find and declare that:
 - a. The quadrennial election of the President and Vice President of the United States is among the most important civic acts of the voters of the state of _____
 - b. The Process leading to the nomination of candidates for President and Vice President of the United States should be as open and participatory as possible.
 - c. It will enhance voter participation, strengthen the political process and protect the rights of all states and their citizens to have a coordinated, orderly and defined electoral schedule.
 - d. The State of _____ will participate in a rotating regional presidential primary system as defined herein.
 - e. Understanding the historically important role that smaller states have played in the presidential selection process in terms of "retail politics," the states of New Hampshire and Iowa shall be allowed to conduct their primary election or caucus prior to the commencement of the rotation schedule.

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1999 ABY ST Res

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

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

Resolved, That, understanding the historically important role that smaller states have played in the presidential selection process in terms of "retail politics", the legislature accepts the concept that under such a system the state of Iowa would be allowed to conduct its caucus and the state of New Hampshire would be allowed to conduct its primary prior to the conduct of any other primary election; and, be it further

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

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

(END)

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JTK:.....
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As you may know, under this proposal, we would be required to decide whether the spring primary or election could be run concurrently with the presidential preference primary, and if so, to change many dates associated with the conduct of that primary or election and, potentially, the dates on which the terms of the officers who are elected at that election commence, to the extent required to accommodate the change in the date of the presidential preference primary. If we decided not to run the presidential preference primary concurrently with one of those elections, as currently provided, we would have to incur additional costs to hold the presidential preference primary on a stand-alone basis. Adjustment of these dates, and particularly the adoption of four different schedules of dates to be used on a rotating basis, could result in a very long and complex bill draft. Potentially as many as 600 dates may have to be adjusted, depending upon the shape the decisions take. Therefore, it would be desirable to ensure that the date structure proposed in this draft becomes generally accepted to the extent possible before a bill draft is produced. M

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September 15, 1999

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It is the intent that Region 1 begin in March 2004 with other regions in numerical sequence in April, May and June 2004. In subsequent cycles, the first region to hold its primary would move to last and all others in sequence shall move up.

Section 5

Rotation of the Date of the Presidential Primary

In the presidential primary elections subsequent to the year 2004, the date of the election shall be the first Tuesday of the month preceding the month of the most recent presidential primary election, except that if the most recent presidential primary election was conducted on the first Tuesday of March the date of the election shall be the first Tuesday of June.



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1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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