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Senator Fred Risser
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Speaking Against: ☐

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BILL NO. SB 216
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SUBJECT Ticket Splitting

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WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF MEMORANDUM

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DATE: September 9, 1999

TO: SENATOR ROBERT WIRCH, CHAIRPERSON, SENATE COMMITTEE ON
            ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AND GOVERNMENT
            OPERATIONS

FROM: Dan Fernbach, Senior Staff Attorney

SUBJECT: 1999 Senate Bill 216, Relating to Authorization for Electors to Vote in the
            Primary of More Than One Political Party

        1999 Senate Bill 216 was introduced on August 10, 1999 by Senators Risser, Rude and
Huelsman. A public hearing on the bill is scheduled for September 21, 1999.

A. PRESENT LAW

        Present law governing elections, located in chs. 5 to 12, Stats., requires a voter in a
partisan primary election to cast a ballot or vote in the column of *only one political party*.
However, a voter in the *September primary* may alternatively vote for any *independent candidates* for state office, but then cannot vote for any of the major party candidates for any office.
Under current law, minor party candidates appear on the ballot as independent candidates.

B. PROVISIONS OF SENATE BILL 216

        Senate Bill 216 would allow voters in the September primary, as well as all other partisan
primaries, to cast a *"split ticket" vote* by designating a candidate for each office regardless of
party affiliation, including the Offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

        Under the bill, a voter is still required to vote for only one candidate for each office.
However, the bill permits voters to cast ballots for independent candidates for state office in the
September primary in addition to party candidates. The bill does not affect voting procedures
for the general election and other partisan elections.

        The provisions of Senate Bill 216 would first apply to votes cast at the year *2000
September primary* election.

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