

Vote Record

Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations

Date: 3-21-00
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AB: _____ Clearinghouse Rule: _____
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AJR: _____ SJR: 39 Other: _____
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- Passage
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- Tabling
- Concurrence
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- Sen. Robert Wirch, Chair
- Sen. Gwendolynne Moore
- Sen. Richard Grobschmidt
- Sen. Gary Drzewiecki
- Sen. David Zien

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Sen. Robert Wirch, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Totals: _____

Motion Carried

Motion Failed

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DATE: April 21
BILL NO. SJR 38
OF
SUBJECT _____

Senator Joanne Avelsman
(NAME)
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OF
SUBJECT _____

MARK LADD
(NAME)
730 WISCONSIN AVE
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RACINE 53403
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Wis. REVISOR OF DEEDS ASSES
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DATE: MARCH 21, 2000
BILL NO. SJR 38
OF
SUBJECT 4 YR TERM BILL

PRESTON JONES
(NAME) W200 STATE PRESIDENT
8522 Riverside Dr
(Street Address or Route Number)
Two Rivers WI 54241
(City and Zip Code)
WI. CITY CONSTITUTIONAL
(Representing) OFFICERS ASSN

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DATE: 3-21-06
BILL NO. STR 38
OF
SUBJECT 4 Yr Term

(NAME) Pat Karsher
(Street Address or Route Number)
(City and Zip Code) Waukesha Co.
(Representing)

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DATE: 3-21-00
BILL NO. STR-38
OF
SUBJECT 4YR TERMS
FOR COUNTY OFFICERS

(NAME) KERRY BLANEY
(Street Address or Route Number) BROWN CC TREAD
(City and Zip Code) BROWN
(Representing)

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(NAME) Darlene Marcello
(Street Address or Route Number) 1832 Fiesta hawe
(City and Zip Code) Green Bay WI 54302
(Representing) Brown Co. Clerk

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BILL NO. SJR 38
OF

SUBJECT 4 year term
electd officials

Marge Gensik
(NAME)

916 W Willow
(Street Address or Route Number)

Chippewa Falls Wj 54729
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Wisconsin Register of Deeds
(Representing)

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SUBJECT 4-year term
for Elected officials

Martha Prestegard
(NAME)

1156 Musket Ridge Dr
(Street Address or Route Number)

Sun Prairie Wj 53590
(City and Zip Code)

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for elected officials

Jane Licht
(NAME)

2964 Hwy AB
(Street Address or Route Number)

McFarland Wj 53550
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Edna L. Highland

(NAME)

426 8th Place

(Street Address or Route Number)

Kenosha WI 53140

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Kenosha Country Club

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Frieda Jacobson

(NAME)

4814-45 Ave

(Street Address or Route Number)

Kenosha WI 53144

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Kenosha Co Treas & WCCO

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Joseph L. Penepfer

(NAME)

1010-56 St

(Street Address or Route Number)

Kenosha WI

(City and Zip Code)

Kenosha Registry Co, Inc.

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Jennifer Sunstrom
(NAME)

100 River Place, Suite 101
(Street Address or Route Number)

Monona WI 53716
(City and Zip Code)

WI Counties Association
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SUBJECT 4 year term

Karen E Freber
(NAME)

249 West St
(Street Address or Route Number)

Juneau, WI 53039
(City and Zip Code)

Dodge County
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Chris Planaskh
(NAME)

528 Park St.
(Street Address or Route Number)

Juneau, 53039.
(City and Zip Code)

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Sary Orzewicki
(NAME)
(Street Address or Route Number)
30th Somb District
(City and Zip Code)
(Representing)

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OF
SUBJECT _____

Ron Voigt
(NAME)
1502 Meadow Cr
(Street Address or Route Number)
Doot 53074
(City and Zip Code)
Ozaukee County
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SUBJECT _____

Elizabeth A. Majeski
(NAME)
730 Wisconsin Ave
(Street Address or Route Number)
Racine WI 53403
(City and Zip Code)
County Treasurers
(Representing)

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BILL NO. SJR 38

OF
SUBJECT Four Year Terms

Haven L Makoutz
(NAME)

PO Box 994
(Street Address or Route Number)

Port Washington WI 53074
(City and Zip Code)

Ozaukee County
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OF
SUBJECT 4-year term for

elect officials

Christie Bender
(NAME)

P.O. Box 100 220 E. State St
(Street Address or Route Number)

Manitou 53948
(City and Zip Code)

Green Co. elect officials
(Representing)

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OF
SUBJECT _____

Cindy Wisinski - Portage Co.
(NAME) Register of Deeds

1516 Church St
(Street Address or Route Number)

Stevens Point WI 54481
(City and Zip Code)

Register of Deeds Association
(Representing) Portage County

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BILL NO. 55R-38

OF

SUBJECT _____

JOE PARSIS, Dem. Col. Clerk
(NAME)

210 MLK, Jr Blvd
(Street Address or Route Number)

MADISON 53709
(City and Zip Code)

Self
(Representing)

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BILL NO. 5JR 38

OF

SUBJECT 4-yr. Terms

MARILYN MERTEN
(NAME)

2641 Maxfield Road
(Street Address or Route Number)

Richfield 53076
(City and Zip Code)

WASHINGTON COUNTY CLERK
(Representing)

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OF

SUBJECT 4 yr. Term

Dorothy CONVERINO
(NAME)

4300 Highview Dr
(Street Address or Route Number)

West Bend WI 53090
(City and Zip Code)

Washington County Reg of Deeds
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OR
SUBJECT 4 YR TERM

JANICE GETTILMAN
(NAME)
W191 N13152 FOND DU LAE
(Street Address or Route Number)
RICHFIELD, WI 53076
(City and Zip Code)
WASHINGTON CO. TREASURER
(Representing)

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TARI WHEARY
(NAME)
730 WISC AVE
(Street Address or Route Number)
RACINE WI 53402
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Clerk of Circuit Ct
(Representing)

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JOSEPH BOCC
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706 CLAY ST
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DARINGTON, MS 38530
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REG. OF SEEDS
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OF
SUBJECT 4 yr. term

Linda Bowden

(NAME)

228 Ohio

(Street Address or Route Number)

Darlington 53530

(City and Zip Code)

County Clerk

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OF
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Beggy S Ross

(NAME)

51 S MAIN

(Street Address or Route Number)

JANESVILLE 53545

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Rock Co TREAS

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OF
SUBJECT 4-yr term Co.

Elected Officials

(NAME)

DARLENE J. NAVS

(Street Address or Route Number)

4 @? NEW YORK AVE

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SHEBOYGAN, WI 53081

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OR
SUBJECT 4-year Term

Ann Marie Vinopal
(NAME)
220 E. STATE ST
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Mauston, WI 53948
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Juneau County Treasurer
(Representing)

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OR
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Cathy Willouette
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P.O. Box 23600
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Green Bay WI 54305
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Brown County
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Jay Zahn
(NAME)

5590 Gordon Road
(Street Address or Route Number)

Sturgeon Bay WI 54235
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Doo County Treasurer
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BILL NO. 38

OR
SUBJECT 4yr term elected
official

MARGE K GUNDERSON
(NAME)

W2565 Hwy 60
(Street Address or Route Number)

Columbus WI 53925-9712
(City and Zip Code)

Wis Register of Deeds Assn
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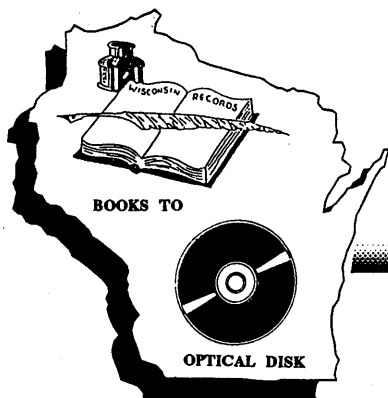
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WISCONSIN REGISTER OF DEEDS

Association

March 21, 2000

Good morning Ladies & Gentlemen of the Committee;

My name is Mark Ladd. I am the Racine County Register of Deeds. I currently serve as the President of the Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association and the Secretary of the Wisconsin County Constitutional Officers Association.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony regarding SJR-38, which provides four-year terms for county constitutional officers.

The idea of four-year terms is nothing new, so I do not wish to unnecessarily belabor the concept. We have visited your offices, we have spoken with you at the WCCO Legislative Reception, and we have talked with you at local functions. By now, you can probably recite the rationale with us.

A four-year term is good public policy because it provides for better continuity in county elected offices, resulting in better service to the public. This is because the four-year term provides better opportunity for credible long-range planning and consistent policy development and implementation.

Perhaps I can break some new ground by publicly addressing another more practical concern. With all due respect to the members of the legislature, I must point out on behalf of county constitutional officers the fact that our offices are never "out of session". Quite frankly, campaigning frequently takes us away from the day-to-day duties the taxpayers pay us to perform. This is clearly not in the best interest of our customers. The less time we spend campaigning, the more time we spend doing the people's business.

The specific merits of SJR-38 are numerous. It reconciles itself to two other four-year term bills currently under consideration. It staggers the terms of the various offices so that half of the officers will be on the ballot every two years. In short, it has been well thought through and carefully drafted.

I have personally been in contact with the leadership of the Assembly and believe that they stand ready to act on this proposal as soon as it clears the Senate. Therefore, I ask that you not only support this bill here in committee but that you also do everything you can to expedite its passage before the Senate so that it can be taken up by the Assembly in the waning hours of this legislative session.

"FEW THINGS MUST LAST AS LONG AS COUNTY RECORDS"

COUNTY OF

RACINE



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1931

730 Wisconsin Avenue

RACINE, WISCONSIN

53403-1274

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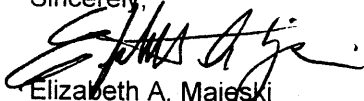
Honorable Senators,

I want to go on record with your Committee as being very much in favor of the passing of SJR 38. The time has come for this to pass. It has many benefits to the office holder as well as the taxpayers. Some of the reasons I believe four year terms should be enacted are:

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- The time it takes to campaign interferes with the job duties and makes it very difficult for effective management. To have more time for working between campaigns will afford the office holder the opportunity to better prepare and manage their duties while actively campaigning as well. Campaigns every two years have a person getting ready for the next one as soon as the most recent one is complete.
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- While we as incumbents may not like it, the truth of the matter is that four year terms will promote more people to run for office.

I appreciate your time in having this bill before your committee and ask you to work for passage of this bill.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth A. Majeski
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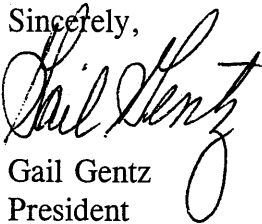
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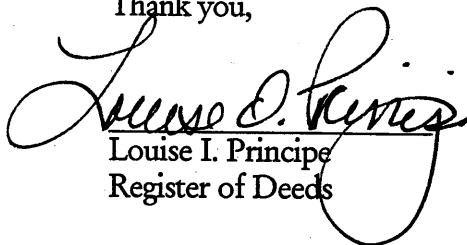
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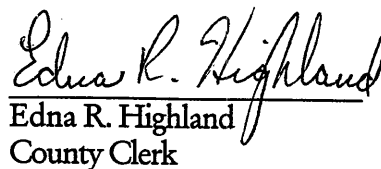
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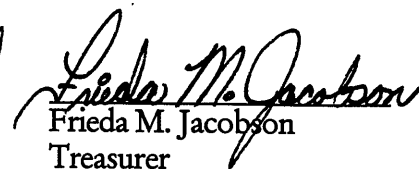
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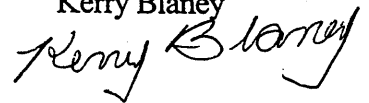
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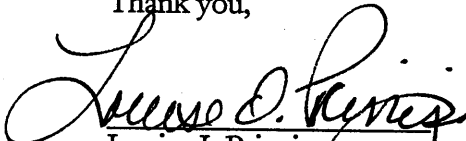
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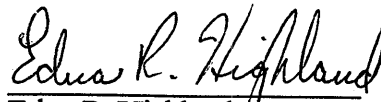
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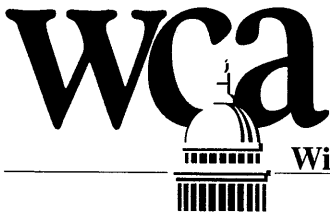
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TO: Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development,
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FROM: Jennifer Sunstrom, Legislative Associate 

DATE: March 21, 2000

RE: Senate Joint Resolution 38

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WCA believes that this constitutional amendment would be a positive public policy change for several reasons. Four-year terms for county officers would provide the stability needed to attract and keep highly qualified candidates. Four-year terms also allow county officers the time needed to implement effective programs without having to stop every two years to begin a time consuming and costly campaign for re-election. In addition, many of the programs that are administered at the county level now require a much higher level of technical knowledge than in the past. Four-year terms would allow these officers the time to gain the technical knowledge that is needed to effectively administer these complex elected offices.

We have many competent, experienced, skilled individuals serving in county government. However, current constitutional provisions place outdated limits on county government. We believe that SJR 38 is progressive legislation that will serve all of Wisconsin's citizens by meeting the organizational needs of county government in the 21st century.

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