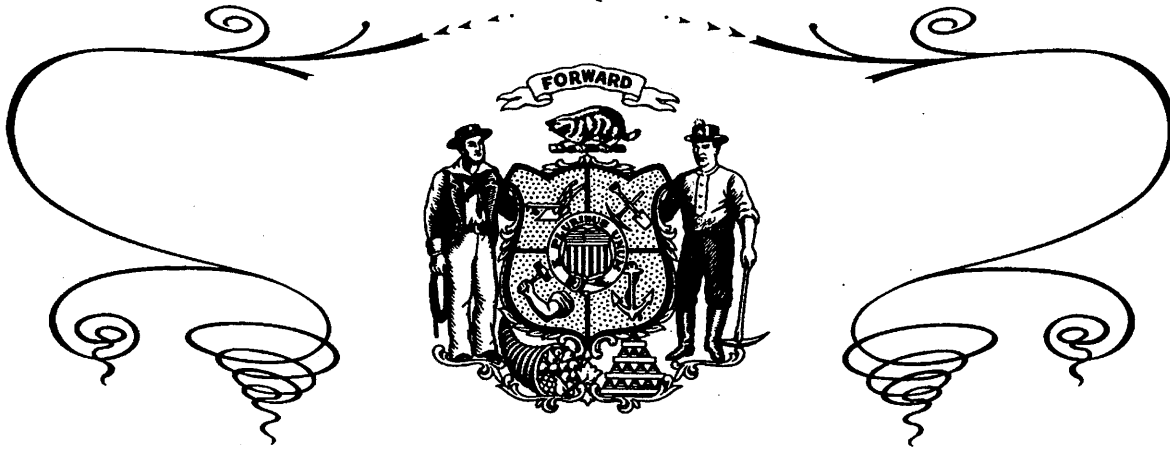


# State of Wisconsin



2003 Senate Resolution 18

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## ENGROSSED RESOLUTION

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Whereas, the U.S. department of commerce has estimated that wealthy Americans are 20 times more likely to have Internet access, while Hispanics and African Americans are far less likely to have Internet access; and

Whereas, there is a growing "digital divide" between those citizens able to access the technology of the new economy and those who cannot; and

Whereas, increased access to the Internet will create jobs and contribute to economic development; and

Whereas, taxing access to the Internet will make access to the Internet less affordable and therefore less available; and

Whereas, taxing Internet access contributes to this condition and unfairly burdens citizens who are least able to afford Internet access; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin legislature has previously voted to repeal the state's sales tax on Internet access thus demonstrating its commitment to making sure that Wisconsin is on the leading edge of this new technology and providing incentives for even more access and creative use of the Internet; now, therefore, be it

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- 09-29. S. Introduced by Senators **Leibham, Kedzie, Schultz, Roessler, Stepp, Kanavas, Welch, S. Fitzgerald** and **Zien**.
- 09-29. S. Read and referred to committee on Senate Organization ..... 385
- 09-30. S. Report adoption recommended by committee on Senate Organization, Ayes 5, Noes 0
- 09-30. S. Available for scheduling.
- 09-30. S. Placed on calendar 10-1-2003 by committee on Senate Organization.
- 10-01. S. Senate amendment 1 offered by Senator **Erpenbach (LRB a1047)**.
- 10-01. S. Placed at the foot of the 11th order of business on the calendar of 10-1-2003.
- 10-01. S. Senate amendment 1 **adopted**.
- 10-01. S. **Adopted**.



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