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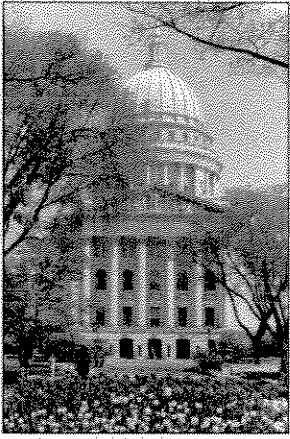
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December 11, 2003

Representative Steve Freese  
Chairman  
Committee on Campaigns and Elections  
115 West  
State Capitol

Dear Representative Freese:

You will be hearing testimony on Senate Bill 18 in the Committee on Campaigns and Elections today, relating to the nomination of major party candidates for the office of lieutenant governor. I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for this bill.

In years past, we have all witnessed problems that occur when the Governor and Lieutenant Governor do not agree on some issues. The goal of government is to work for and represent the people. When the top two elected officials in the state are unable to agree philosophically, it can bring nothing but negative consequences to the State of Wisconsin. It is in the best interest for the two to have a solid working relationship.

A prime example of an outstanding working relationship was between former Governor Tony Earl and former Lieutenant Governor Jim Flynn. Governor Earl had a high degree of respect for and confidence in Lieutenant Governor Flynn. This led to his appointment as the Secretary of the Department of Development. Not only did this bring accord to state government, but also cost-saving measures and higher efficiency.

It is my opinion the people of Wisconsin deserve no less. I ask that you vote in favor of this piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Steve Foti  
State Representative  
38<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

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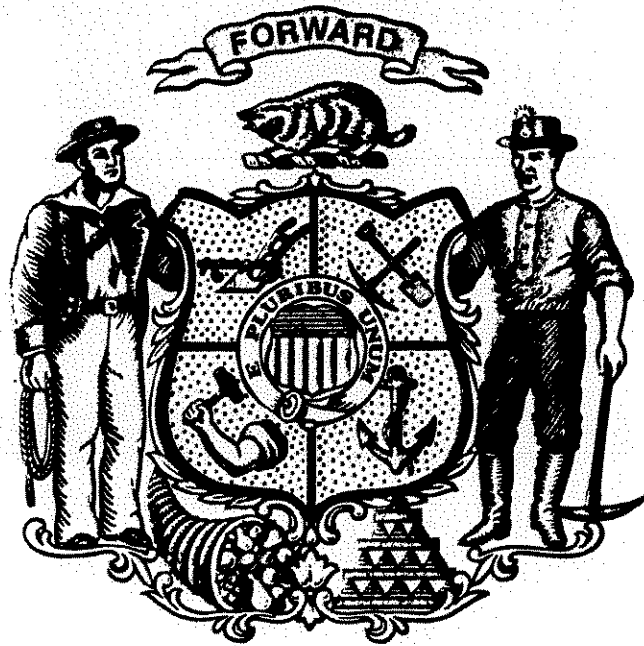
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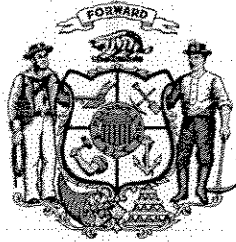
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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
BARBARA LAWTON

January 14, 2004

Chairman Stephen Freese  
115 West State Capitol

Dear Chairman Freese:

I write to express my opposition to Senate Bill 18, which would radically change our system of selecting candidates for Lieutenant Governor.

Wisconsin's governor is arguably already the nation's most powerful state executive, given the powers inherent in the use of the line-item veto. Giving that officer authority to name his or her successor would create further –perhaps dangerous—unbalance in our system. Nationally, three lieutenant governors have succeeded their governor in the past six months or so: we must take this possibility seriously.

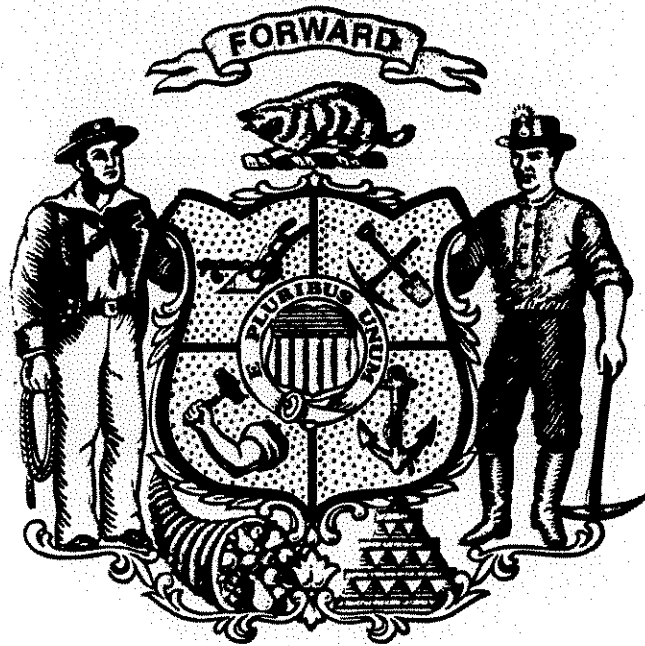
By her own account, the author of Senate Bill 18 introduced it to foster better teamwork between the state's top two officers. We all know that collaborative work cannot be legislated – not between a governor and lieutenant governor, not between legislators, and not between houses of the legislature. More government control that excludes citizen input should not be our goal.

Senate Bill 18 is unnecessary –and expensive-- legislation that would diminish citizen access to government. At a time when we should actively expand avenues to civic engagement, this bill would shut them down. We need more democracy, not less.

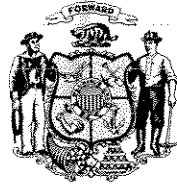
I urge this committee to withhold support for SB 18 to send a strong message to the citizens of Wisconsin that our state government welcomes and needs their participation.

Truly yours,

  
Barbara Lawton  
Lieutenant Governor



WISCONSIN STATE SENATE



**Carol Roessler**  
STATE SENATOR

January 21, 2004

*ask  
Carol*

Chairman Stephen J. Freese  
Committee on Campaigns and Elections  
Room 115 West  
State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Chairman ~~Freese~~, *Steve,*

I am writing to request that Senate Bill 18 be scheduled for a vote in the Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

As you know SB 18 would ensure that the gubernatorial candidate is able to choose a strong candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and someone they would be able to work with as a team.

I would appreciate you scheduling SB 18 for a vote in the very near future.

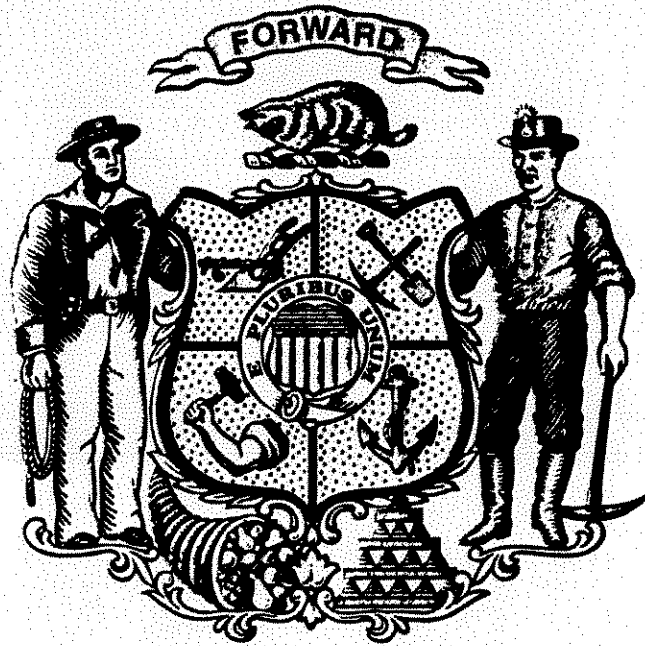
Sincerely,

*Carol*

CAROL ROESSLER  
State Senator  
18th Senate District

*Thank you!*

CC: Sen. Panzer



**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Wornson, Bryon  
**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2004 10:03 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** RE: Reminder

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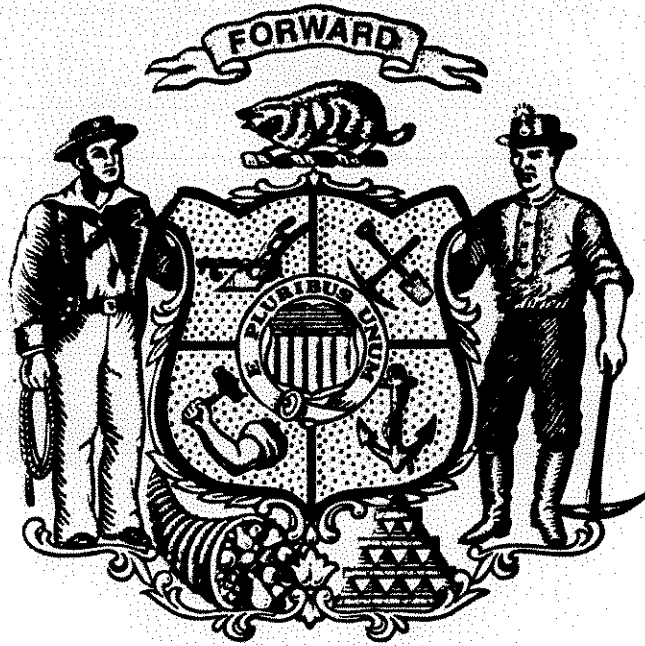
**From:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 04, 2004 3:30 PM  
**To:** Wornson, Bryon  
**Subject:** Reminder

*Bryon,*

*Just a reminder - Steve wants to know what John's wishes are for SB 18 (Gov. choosing Lt. Gov.). We want to hold a hearing and exec on 2/19.  
Thanks.*

*Terri S. Griffiths  
Administrative Assistant/Committee Clerk  
Assembly Committee on Campaigns & Elections  
Office of Rep. Stephen J. Freese  
(608) 266-7502*





**Senator Carol Roessloer's Testimony**  
**Senate Bill 18**  
**Lieutenant Governor Bill**

Chairman Freese and members of the Committee on Campaigns and Elections, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in favor of Senate Bill 18.

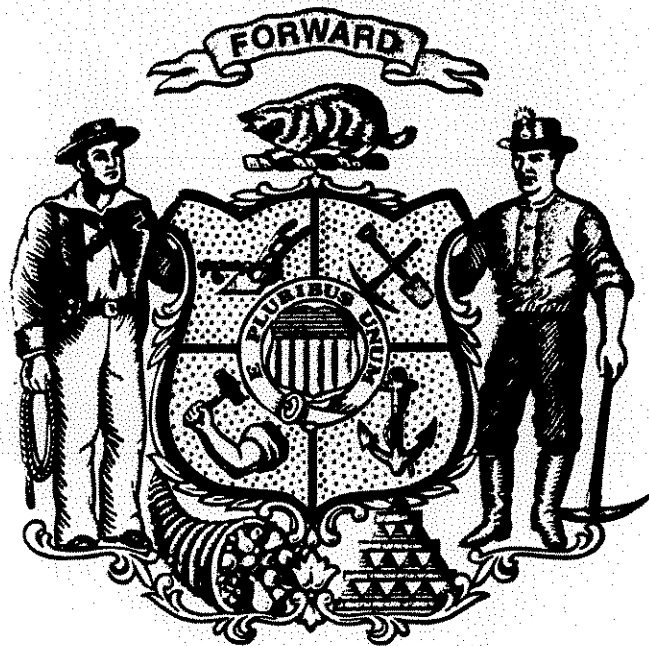
Senate Bill 18, would change the way the lieutenant governor is chosen in Wisconsin. Under current law, at the September primary, electors may vote for a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor separately from candidates for other offices within their preferred party. The winning candidate for the office of lieutenant governor within each party at the primary is then placed on the ballot at the general election, along with the party's winning candidate for the office of governor.

This legislation is aimed at facilitating a team approach for the office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Allowing the Governor to choose his or her team will result in compatible philosophies, and common goals. The Bill would also allow the governor to pick someone they believe who would be able to continue these common goals if the Governor were to leave office.

Under Senate Bill 18, a major party candidate for the office of lieutenant governor would not file nomination papers and would not appear on the primary ballot. Rather each major party candidate for the office of governor must certify the name of a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor within two days after official certification of the gubernatorial candidate's nomination at the September primary. The certified candidate for the office of lieutenant governor then has three days after receipt of the certification to file a declaration of candidacy, a statement of economic interests and, if the candidate has not already done so, a financial registration.

Allowing the Governor the ability to choose a running mate will result in a strong working partnership between the office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

In closing, this is not an issue that divides Republicans or Democrats. Recently, I introduced similar legislation with a Republican Administration in office. This proposal more fully utilizes the office of Lieutenant Governor.



Wisconsin Senate Roll Call  
2003-2004 SESSION

SB 18  
PASSAGE

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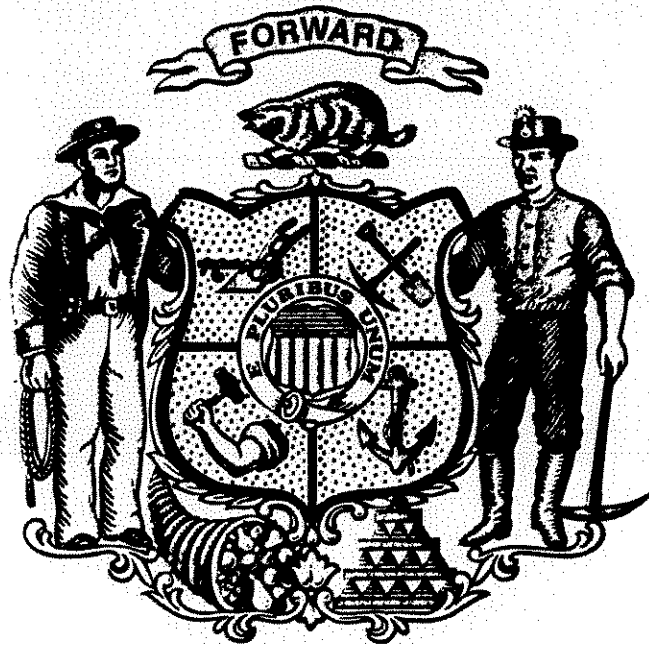
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GEORGE

SEQUENCE NO. 327  
Wednesday, November 05, 2003  
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Didn't want to hold it up in  
committee but upon further review  
he believes people should have the  
right to vote for Lt. Gov.



**Carol Roessler**  
STATE SENATOR  
18th Senate District

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*As you Requested...*

*For Your Information...*

*Other...*

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**The Election of Lieutenant Governors**

	<b>Selection of Lt. Gov. Candidate</b>	<b>Filling Vacancy in the Office of Lt. Gov.</b>
<b>Alabama</b>	Separate nomination & election	
<b>Alaska</b>	Team election; lt gov cand selected at primary independent of gub cand	
<b>Arizona</b>	No lieutenant governor.	
<b>Arkansas</b>	Separate nomination & election	
<b>California</b>	Separate nomination & election	
<b>Colorado</b>	Team election; gub cand selects lt gov running mate	Governor appoints person to fill vacancy until next election. (CRS §1-12-204)
<b>Connecticut</b>	Team election; lt gov cand selected by party convention following gub primary	
<b>Delaware</b>	Separate nomination & election	
<b>Florida</b>	Team election; gub cand selects lt gov running mate	Special election. (Fla. Stat. §100.111)
<b>Georgia</b>	Separate nomination & election	
<b>Hawaii</b>	Team election; lt gov cand selected at primary independent of gub cand	
<b>Idaho</b>	Separate nomination & election	
<b>Illinois</b>	Team election; lt gov cand selected at primary independent of gub cand	
<b>Indiana</b>	Team election; lt gov cand selected by party convention following gub primary	
<b>Iowa</b>	Team election; lt gov cand selected by party convention following gub primary	
<b>Kansas</b>	Team election; gub cand selects lt gov running mate	State party committee fills vacancy (KSA §25-3906 (a))
<b>Kentucky</b>	Team election; gub cand selects lt gov running mate	??
<b>Louisiana</b>	Separate nomination & election	
<b>Maine</b>	No lieutenant governor.	

	<b>Selection of Lt. Gov. Candidate</b>	<b>Filling Vacancy in the Office of Lt. Gov.</b>
<b>Maryland</b>	Team election; gub cand selects lt gov running mate	Nominated by governor; confirmed by majority vote of all members of the legislature in a joint session (MD Const. Art. II, §6(d))
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Team election; lt gov cands selected at primary independent of gub cands	
<b>Michigan</b>	Team election; lt gov cands selected by party convention following gub primary	
<b>Minnesota</b>	Team election; gub cand selects lt gov running mate	Last elected presiding officer of the senate becomes lt gov in case of vacancy (MN Const. Art. V, §5)
<b>Mississippi</b>	Separate nomination & election	
<b>Missouri</b>	Separate nomination & election	
<b>Montana</b>	Team election; gub cand selects lt gov running mate	Governor appoints (MT Const., Art. VI, §6)
<b>Nebraska</b>	Team election; lt gov cands selected at primary independent of gub cands	
<b>Nevada</b>	Separate nomination & election	
<b>New Hampshire</b>	No lieutenant governor.	
<b>New Jersey</b>	No lieutenant governor	
<b>New Mexico</b>	Team election; lt gov cands selected at primary independent of gub cands	
<b>New York</b>	Team election; lt gov cands selected at primary independent of gub cands	
<b>North Carolina</b>	Separate nomination & election	
<b>North Dakota</b>	Team election; gub cand selects lt gov running mate	Governor appoints (?) (ND Const. Art. V, §8)
<b>Ohio</b>	Team election; gub cand selects lt gov running mate	Nominated by governor; confirmed by majority vote of each house of the legislature (Ohio Const. Art. 3, §17a)
<b>Oklahoma</b>	Separate nomination & election	
<b>Oregon</b>	No lieutenant governor.	
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Team election; lt gov cands selected at primary independent of gub cands	
<b>Rhode Island</b>	Separate nomination & election	
<b>South Carolina</b>	Separate nomination & election	



	<b>Selection of Lt. Gov. Candidate</b>	<b>Filling Vacancy in the Office of Lt. Gov.</b>
<b>South Dakota</b>	Team election; Lt gov cand selected by party convention following gub primary	
<b>Tennessee</b>	Senate President holds title of lieutenant governor.	
<b>Texas</b>	Separate nomination & election	
<b>Utah</b>	Team election; gub cand selects Lt gov running mate	Governor appoints(must be from same political party as removed person) Utah Const. Art. VII, §10
<b>Vermont</b>	Separate nomination & election	
<b>Virginia</b>	Separate nomination & election	
<b>Washington</b>	Separate nomination & election	
<b>West Virginia</b>	No lieutenant governor.	
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Team election; Lt gov cand selected at primary independent of gub cand	
<b>Wyoming</b>	No lieutenant governor.	