



2005 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

February 15, 2005 – Introduced by Senators A. LASEE, REYNOLDS, S. FITZGERALD and ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives KAUFERT, GUNDERSON, STONE, HINES, KREIBICH, F. LASEE, LEMAHIEU, LOTHIAN, MUSSER, OTT, OWENS, PETTIS, PRIDEMORE, VOS and AINSWORTH. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy.

1 **Relating to:** providing for an advisory referendum on the question of enacting the
2 death penalty in this state.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This joint resolution calls for an advisory referendum on the question of enacting the death penalty in this state as the legislature may prescribe by law for cases involving a person who is convicted of multiple of first-degree intentional homicides if the homicides are vicious and the convictions are supported by DNA evidence. The referendum is to be held at the next spring or general election occurring not sooner than 45 days after adoption of the resolution.

3 **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the following
4 question be submitted, for advisory purposes only, to the voters of this state at the
5 next spring or general election occurring not sooner than 45 days after adoption of
6 this resolution:

7 **QUESTION 1: Death penalty in Wisconsin.** “Should the death penalty be
8 enacted in the State of Wisconsin for cases involving a person who is convicted of

1 multiple first-degree intentional homicides, if the homicides are vicious and the
2 convictions are supported by DNA evidence?"

3 (END)