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2005-06

(session year)

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(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on Labor and Election Process Reform...

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April 21, 2005

EXECUTIVE SESSION - POLLING

Moved by Senator Reynolds, seconded by Senator Kanavas that **Senate Amendment LRB a0495** be recommended for introduction and adoption.

Ayes: (5) Senators Reynolds, Lazich, Kanavas, Hansen and Carpenter.

Noes: (0) None.

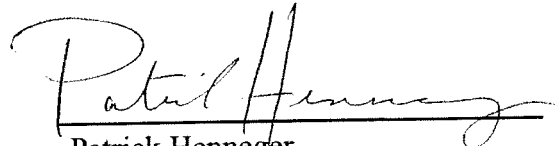
INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT LRB A0495 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Reynolds, seconded by Senator Kanavas that **Senate Bill 171** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (3) Senators Reynolds, Lazich and Kanavas.

Noes: (2) Senators Hansen and Carpenter.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 3, Noes 2


Patrick Henneger
Committee Clerk

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND ELECTION PROCESS
REFORM

Paper Ballot: Senator Carpenter

Deadline: Thursday, April 21st 2005, 2:00 p.m.

Please return your vote via ballot to Senator Reynolds' office (306 South) by 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 21st 2005.

Thank you.

MOTION

Recommend introduction and adoption of LRB a0495 to Senate Bill 171 (*Attached is a copy of LRB a0495*).

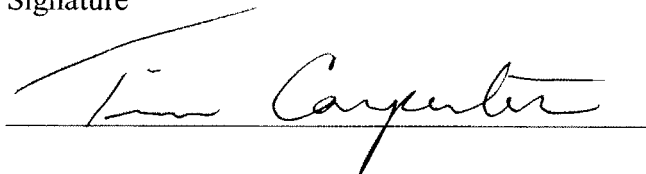
Aye _____ Nay _____

MOTION

Recommend Senate Bill 171 for passage as amended (*Attached is a copy of Senate Bill 171*)

Aye _____ Nay _____

Signature



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND ELECTION PROCESS
REFORM

Paper Ballot: Senator Hansen

Deadline: Thursday, April 21st 2005, 2:00 p.m.

Please return your vote via ballot to Senator Reynolds' office (306 South) by 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 21st 2005.

Thank you.

MOTION

Recommend introduction and adoption of LRB a0495 to Senate Bill 171 (*Attached is a copy of LRB a0495*).

Aye X Nay

MOTION

Recommend Senate Bill 171 for passage as amended (*Attached is a copy of Senate Bill 171*)

Aye Nay X

Signature

 Dave Hansen

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND ELECTION PROCESS
REFORM

Paper Ballot: Senator Kanavas

Deadline: Thursday, April 21st 2005, 2:00 p.m.

Please return your vote via ballot to Senator Reynolds' office (306 South) by 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 21st 2005.

Thank you.

MOTION

Recommend introduction and adoption of LRB a0495 to Senate Bill 171 (*Attached is a copy of LRB a0495*).

Aye ✓ Nay

MOTION

Recommend Senate Bill 171 for passage as amended (*Attached is a copy of Senate Bill 171*)

Aye X Nay

Signature

 Thursday Kanavas

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND ELECTION PROCESS
REFORM

Paper Ballot: Senator Lazich
Deadline: Thursday, April 21st 2005, 2:00 p.m.

Please return your vote via ballot to Senator Reynolds' office (306 South) by 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 21st 2005.

Thank you.

MOTION

Recommend introduction and adoption of LRB a0495 to Senate Bill 171 (*Attached is a copy of LRB a0495*).

Aye ✓ Nay _____

MOTION

Recommend Senate Bill 171 for passage as amended (*Attached is a copy of Senate Bill 171*)

Aye ✓ Nay _____

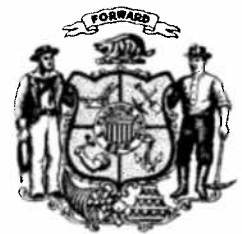
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Mary Lazich

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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



DATE: Release Date: 03/07/05
TO: Board of Education
Interested Citizens
FROM: Active Citizens for Education
Don Severson, President
info@activecitizensforeducation.org
238-8300
RE: Polling Costs for Proposed May, 2005, Referenda (using **2003** cost figures)

On the Channel 27 early morning news, February 3, 2005, Tara Arnold and Roland Beres interviewed Bill Keys, President of the Board of Education of the Madison Metropolitan School District. The topics included the proposed school district referenda projected to be held in May, 2005. Mr. Keys stated "the April election is typically low voter turnout and that's part of the reason we chose to go with the referendum in May." He also went on to say there aren't any real contests making it a hot priority for voters. He further stated that "it's only \$15,000 more (\$90,000) to wait until May rather than go for the April election, which will only cost \$75,000."

Here are the FACTS regarding the costs to the school district associated with referenda polling. The following information was obtained from the City Clerk of Madison, Dane County Clerk and the clerks of the municipalities listed below.

The **ONLY** cost billed to the school district for referenda included in regular county-wide balloting is the cost of graphics and wording space on the ballot. This cost is variable and dependent upon the number of referenda questions to be put to the voters and the extent of the wording used for each question.

All other costs of special balloting for referenda at a time other than a regular county-wide ballot are billed to the school district. The costs billed, based upon **2003** figures, include:

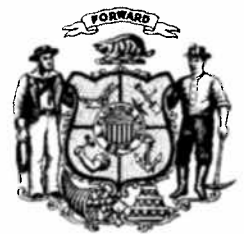
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| \$61,000 | City of Madison costs including legal fees, notification costs with print media, placement of voting machines and labor costs (on site 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. plus) for site officials, volunteer stipends and other associated costs. |
| \$10,000 | Estimated costs for approximately 40,000 ballots printed at approximately \$.25 per ballot. The city determines the number of ballots to be printed, authorizes that number to the county which orders the printing. The printed ballots are delivered and billed directly to the city. |
| \$10,950 | Dane County charges of \$150 each for memory pack coding of 73 voting machines |

\$?	County charges for graphics and percentage of space on ballots for referenda questions
\$700	Town of Madison for polling site costs (labor, etc.)
\$800	Shorewood Hills for polling site costs (labor, etc.)
\$389	Maple Bluff for polling site costs (labor, etc.)
\$504	Blooming Grove for polling site costs (labor, etc.)
\$No Cost*	Burke for polling site costs (labor, etc.)
\$No Cost*	Westport for polling site costs (labor, etc.)
\$3000	Fitchburg for polling site costs (labor, etc.)
\$No Cost*	Town of Middleton for polling site costs (labor, etc.)
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\$87,343 total	(without ballot graphics and space costs) reported by the Clerks of Dane County and affected local municipalities based on 2003 billings for the special school referenda balloting in June.

*No Cost entry indicates that the handful of households with eligible voters in a Madison School District special referenda balloting in those municipalities are referred to a nearby Madison polling site; therefore, there are no polling costs incurred.



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



Henneger, Patrick

From: Jenny Behrmann [css71@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2005 10:03 AM
To: Sen.Reynolds; Henneger, Patrick; jpertl@wasb.org
Subject: AB 171

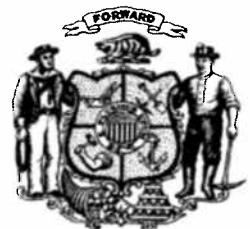
This bill would seal the fate of the Florence County School District. We have gone to referendum twice and have been turned down. Our board is faced with the decision to file for dissolution. We would have to file a resolution to consider dissolving in June and the actual resolution to dissolve in July. As a board member, I feel we have to go to referenda again before these dates so we can give our voters one more chance to support our district. If we are not allowed to hold an election in June or July, we will be faced with a much more difficult decision. Do we not file the resolution to dissolve, hoping the voters will change their minds at a later date but increasing the instability in our district, knowing that the following year we may not be able to keep the school open the entire year or may not be able to open it at all? Thereby, losing more students to neighboring districts. (Not to mention the mass exodus of our teaching staff.) The other option would be to file the resolution to dissolve, starting this process, but still hoping the voters will come thru in time. Right now our district needs all options left open. The students of our district are counting on us.

Thanks,
Jenny Behrmann
Florence County School District school board member

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SB171??

Van Ess, Thomas

From: DonLeader@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2005 12:47 AM
To: thomas.vaness@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: SB 181
Attachments: Polling Costs of Referenda.doc

RE: 2005 SB 181 related to Scheduling of School Referenda

Active Citizens for Education (ACE) requests and urges legislative support for SB 181. Ace is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to changing the "ways we conduct the business of public education" in Madison. ACE is committed to identifying, analyzing and presenting reliable information about issues concerning curriculum, instruction, administration and operation of the Madison Metropolitan School District.

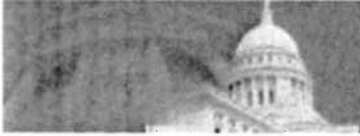
ACE is supportive of the successful passage of SB 181 for the following reasons:

1. The Madison school district is expected to be an integral part of the entire community; and as such, citizens should be expected to have the opportunity to vote on school matters at the same time and within the context of balloting for other elective offices and issues in the community.
2. Very low voter turnout is usually experienced when balloting is scheduled at special times other than regularly scheduled elections; thereby, providing unfair advantage to organized, special interests.
3. Special elections unnecessarily burden taxpayers with extra expense as in the case of Madison whereby the June, 2003, referenda election cost the taxpayers of the Madison School District nearly \$90,000 to hold the special election. The estimates for the May, 2005, referenda balloting puts the costs upwards towards \$100,000.
4. Special school elections reward lack of long range and timely planning and responsible budgeting by school boards.

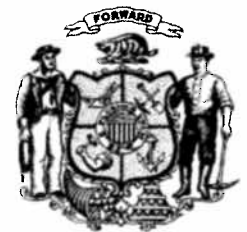
Attached is a report of the actual costs incurred by the Madison School District for its June, 2003 referenda balloting.

Thank you for your consideration. We will be happy to answer any questions and give further assistance when requested.

Don Severson
President
Active Citizens for Education
608/238- 8300



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



Script for Hearing 4-20-05

Tom: This meeting of the Senate Labor and Election Process Reform Committee is called to order.

Our plan today is to hear Assembly Bill 61 relating to residency of elected officials, Assembly Bill 64 relating to uniform polling hours and Senate Bill 171 relating to the scheduling of referenda to approve school district borrowing or exceed a school district's revenue limit.

Are there any questions?

If not, we'll move on to the public hearing. The clerk will call the roll:

Pat: *Calls attendance. Announces outcome of roll call and that "a quorum is present."*

✓ **Tom:** First, we'll start with Assembly Bill 61. The committee calls its first witness, *name of witness*. (Subsequent witnesses should be identified by their name, the organization they represent, and whether they are in support of or opposition to the legislation.)

✓ **Are there any questions from members of the committee? If not, we'll move on to the hearing on Assembly Bill 64? The committee calls its first witness, name of witness.**

Are there any questions from members of the committee? If not, we'll move on to the hearing on Senate Bill 171. The committee calls its first witness, name of witness.

Are there any questions from members of the committee? If not, we'll close the public hearing and move into executive session. The clerk will call the roll:

Pat calls roll. Announces a quorum is present.

Hansen

Carpenter

Tom: I move concurrence on Assembly Bill 61. Are there any seconds? Any discussion? If not, the clerk will call the roll:

Reynolds	A
Lazich	A
Kanavas	A
Hansen	A
Carpenter	A

Pat calls roll and announces results. "The motion passes."

Hansen

Hansen

Tom: I move concurrence on Assembly Bill 64. Are there any seconds? Any discussion? If not, the clerk will call the roll:

Reynolds	A
Lazich	A
Kanavas	A
Hansen	A
Carpenter	A

Pat calls roll and announces results. "The motion passes."

I Move to introduce and adopt ~~Senate amendment~~
LRB^a0488 amending SB 171. Seconds?

[Redacted]

Reynolds _____
Lazich _____
Kanavas _____
Hansen _____
Carpenter _____

Tom: I move to recommend passage on Senate Bill 171. Are there any seconds?
Any discussion? If not, the clerk will call the roll:

as amended.

Pat calls roll and announces results. "The motion passes."

Tom: There being no further business before the committee, this hearing of the
Labor and Election Process Reform Committee is adjourned.

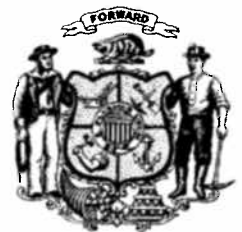
[Redacted]

Reynolds _____
Lazich _____
Kanavas _____
Hansen _____
Carpenter _____

Will do by
paper ballot



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





**SENATE AMENDMENT ,
TO 2005 SENATE BILL 171**

Then we'll
paper ballot it.

~~Kanavas after 1st Monday~~ → TT

Tom
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- He will have
new amendment
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At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 2, line 2: delete lines 2 and 3 and substitute:

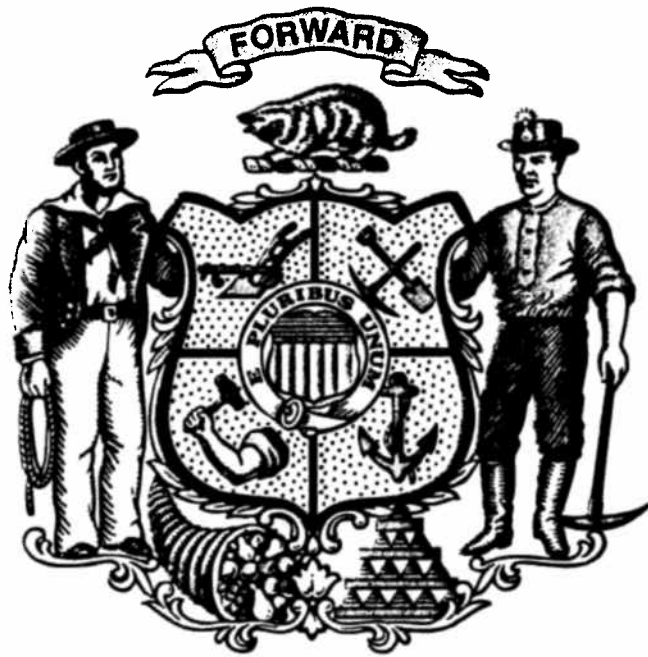
"67.05 (6a) (a) 2. a. Direct the school district clerk to call a special election on
the 2nd Tuesday in September of an odd-numbered year for the purpose of
submitting the resolution to the electors for approval or rejection, or".
in Nov. also or

2. Page 2, line 4: substitute "direct" for "direet".

3. Page 2, line 18: delete the material beginning with "The" and ending with
"that the" on line 21 and substitute "The school board shall may call a special
referendum on the 2nd Tuesday in September of an odd-numbered year for the
purpose of submitting the resolution to the electors of the school district for approval
or rejection. ~~In lieu of a special referendum, the school board or~~ may specify that the".

4. Page 2, line 21: delete "The referendum shall" and substitute "referendum".

(END)



Public Hearing 4-20-05

AB 61

	For	Against	For Info Only
Rep. Samantha Kerman	X		
Dorothy Sandona	X		
Diana Dykstra	X		

AB 64

Terri Griffiths	X		
Kent Woods		X	

SB 171

Sen. Alan Lasee	X		
Dr. Lloyd McCabe		X	
Kirby Brant	X		

- Amending SB 171
- Paper ballot
 - ↳ send ballot asking members to vote on
 - 1) Introducing + adopting

Questions for those in opposition to SB 171

- Cost to hold special election: 90-\$100,000
- Why not in April & save \$?
- Why not hold election when it isn't over a holiday
- Amend for Tuesday in off year.