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**WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ...
PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS**

2007-08

(session year)

Senate

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

**Committee on ... Labor, Elections and Urban
Affairs (SC-LEUA)**

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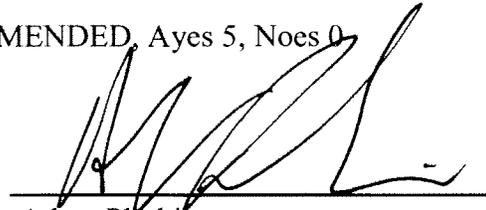
INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL

- Appointments ... **Appt** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Clearinghouse Rules ... **CRule** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Hearing Records ... bills and resolutions (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
(**ab** = Assembly Bill) (**ar** = Assembly Resolution) (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)
(**sb** = Senate Bill) (**sr** = Senate Resolution) (**sjr** = Senate Joint Resolution)
- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**

Ayes: (5) Senators Coggs, Wirch, Lehman, Grothman
and A. Lasee.

Noes: (0) None.

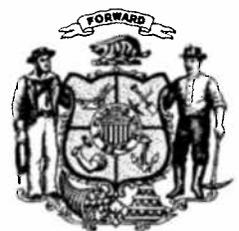
CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0.

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Adam Plotkin
Committee Clerk



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



Vote Record
Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs

Date: Tue. Dec. 4, 2007

Moved by: Wirch

Seconded by: Lehman

AB 152 SB _____ Clearinghouse Rule _____
 AJR _____ SJR _____ Appointment _____
 AR _____ SR _____ Other _____

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Be recommended for:

- Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
 Introduction Rejection Tabling Nonconcurrence

Committee Member

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Senator Spencer Coggs, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Robert Wirch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator John Lehman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Glenn Grothman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Alan Lasee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Totals:	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	_____	_____

Motion Carried

Motion Failed



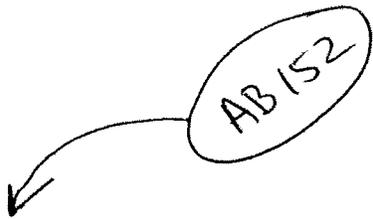
WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



Paulson, Darcy

From: Rep.Gottlieb
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2007 11:24 AM
To: *Legislative Assembly Democrats; *Legislative Assembly Republicans; *Legislative Senate Democrats; *Legislative Senate Republicans
Subject: Rep. Gottlieb/Co-sponsorship of LRB-0548/Village Spring Primary/Deadline is February 23
Attachments: 07-05482.pdf

To: All Legislators
From: Rep. Mark Gottlieb
Date: February 15, 2007
Re: Co-sponsorship of LRB-0548/2, relating to the method of election of village officers.



Co-sponsorship Deadline: Friday, February 23, at 5:00 pm

At the request of a village clerk in my district, I am introducing LRB-0548/2 to give villages the same flexibility that cities currently have regarding the decision to hold a spring primary election.

Currently, villages hold caucuses to nominate candidates for the spring election unless the governing body of the village provides by a certain date that nomination papers will be used. If the village chooses to nominate candidates via nomination papers, they are required to hold a primary election when the number of candidates for an office exceeds twice the number of persons to be elected to that office.

Cities currently have the ability to opt out of this requirement with two conditions –

- 1) Any city may provide by charter ordinance that whenever three or more candidates file nomination papers for a city office, a primary to nominate candidates for the office shall be held.
- 2) Whenever electors, equal to at least 10% of the vote for governor in the city at the last general election, file a timely petition with the city clerk requesting a primary, a primary to nominate candidates shall be held.

This bill gives villages that do not nominate via caucus the same ability as cities to eliminate the effort and expense of holding a primary election as long as the same two conditions above are not met.

If you would like to co-sponsor LRB-0548/2, please contact Rob Richard in my office at 267-2369 by 5:00 p.m. on February 23.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, candidates for village offices at the spring election are nominated by caucus unless the majority of a governing body of a village provides, no later than December 1 preceding the spring election, for the nomination of candidates at the spring primary. In such case, nomination papers are used to nominate candidates.

This bill permits the majority of a governing body of a village to provide for the nomination of candidates for village offices by nomination papers for a specific election. The bill also provides that whenever

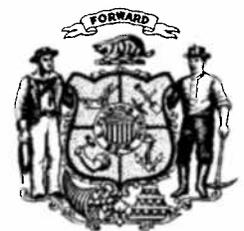
the governing body of a village provides by charter ordinance that if three or more candidates file nomination papers for a village office, or whenever electors of a village, equal to at least 10 percent of the vote for governor in the village at the last general election file a petition so requesting, a primary shall be held for the nomination of candidates for village offices. Under the bill, nomination of candidates for village offices continues to be by caucus unless a majority of the governing body of a village makes a timely affirmative decision to nominate candidates by nomination papers or unless a primary is required by charter ordinance or a timely petition is filed requesting a primary.



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MARK GOTTLIEB

Speaker Pro Tempore
Wisconsin State Assembly

Testimony of Rep. Mark Gottlieb
Assembly Bill 152
Assembly Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law
March 22, 2007

Chair Albers and members: Thank you for holding this public hearing on Assembly Bill 152 (AB 152), relating to the method of election of village officers.

I introduced AB 152 at the request of a village clerk in my district. This bill gives villages the same flexibility that cities currently have regarding the decision to hold a spring primary election. In a letter she wrote to me she stated:

In February 2006, the Village of Grafton had 7 candidates running for three Village Board seats. Because there were more than 2 candidates for the available seats, we were required to hold a primary to narrow the field to 6 candidates.

We had a total of 362 persons vote at the February 21, 2006 primary. The cost was over \$10 per vote cast. That is a significant waste of taxpayer money. Had this legislation been "on the books" at that time, we would not have had to hold that election, saving the residents of the Village of Grafton over \$3,800.

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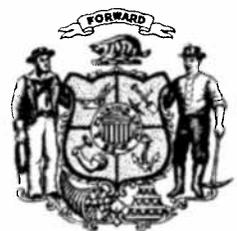
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 60TH DISTRICT



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



Paulson, Darcy

From: Paulson, Darcy
Sent: Friday, May 25, 2007 9:25 AM
To: Plotkin, Adam
Subject: AB 152

Hi Adam,

Assembly Bill 152 was referred to your committee on May 21.

We would really appreciate a hearing.

I will send over copies of the co-sponsorship memo for background as well as Mark's testimony and other pertinent items.

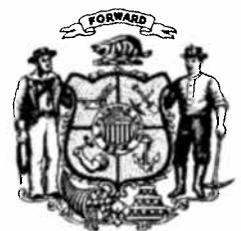
I'll call you next week about it.

Hope you have a great weekend.

Darcy Paulson
Office of Rep. Mark Gottlieb
60th Assembly District
608.267.2369
888.534.0060



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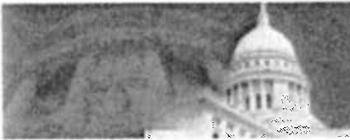
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Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law

→ **Assembly Bill 152**

Relating to: the method of election of village officers.
By Representatives Gottlieb, Albers, Mursau and Vos; cosponsored by Senators Grothman and Schultz.

March 05, 2007 Referred to Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law.

March 22, 2007 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (8) Representatives Albers, Gundrum, Montgomery, Kramer, J. Ott,
Kessler, A. Williams and Molepske.
Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Mark Gottlieb --- Rep., Author

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Curt Witynski, Madison --- League of WI Municipalities

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

April 19, 2007 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (7) Representatives Albers, Gundrum, Montgomery, Kramer, J. Ott,
Kessler and Molepske.
Absent: (1) Representative A. Williams.

Moved by Representative Gundrum, seconded by Representative Kramer that
Assembly Bill 152 be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (7) Representatives Albers, Gundrum, Montgomery, Kramer, J. Ott,
Kessler and Molepske.
Noes: (0) None.
Absent: (1) Representative A. Williams.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Terri Griffiths
Committee Clerk