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Steve

From:  
To:  
Subject:

Vebber, Lucas  
Friday, April 08, 2011 1:14 PM  
Miller, Steve  
Bill Draft

RE: Constitutional Amendment Drafting Request

Dear Mr. Miller,

Senator Zipperer would like to draft a Constitutional Amendment that would:

- Amend Article VII, §4, (2) to require that the Supreme Court elect the Chief Justice by majority vote of the Supreme Court Justices.
- The election for Chief Justice shall be the first order of business for any new court.
- A new court occurs whenever there has been any swearing in of a Justice – whether that Justice was newly elected or re-elected.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

**Lucas Vebber**  
Office of Senator Rich Zipperer  
33<sup>rd</sup> Senate District  
(608) 266-9174

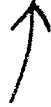
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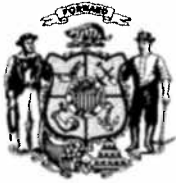
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**From:** Vebber, Lucas  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2011 9:26 AM  
**To:** LRB.Legal  
**Subject:** Draft Review: LRB 11-1873/1 Topic: election of Chief Justice

Please Jacket LRB 11-1873/1 for the SENATE.



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2011 ~~ASSEMBLY~~ JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 To amend section 4 (2) of article VII of the constitution; relating to: election of chief  
2 justice.

*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**EXPLANATION OF PROPOSAL**

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2011 legislature on first consideration, directs the supreme court to elect a chief justice as the first order of business each time a justice is elected or reelected.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

3 Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:

4 SECTION 1. Section 4 (2) of article VII of the constitution is amended to read:  
5 [Article VII] Section 4 (2) ~~The justice having been longest a continuous member~~  
6 ~~of said court, or in case 2 or more such justices shall have served for the same length~~  
7 ~~of time, the justice whose term first expires, shall be the chief justice. Each time a~~  
8 justice is elected or reelected and takes the oath of office, the court shall elect a chief  
9 justice as its first order of business. The justice so designated as chief justice may,

1 irrevocably, decline to serve as chief justice or resign as chief justice but continue to  
2 serve as a justice of the supreme court.

3 ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the  
4 legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for three  
5 months previous to the time of holding such election.

6 (END)