



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2011 Senate Joint Resolution 16

Senate Amendment 1

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The Wisconsin Constitution provides every resolution or ordinance passed by the county board in any county must be presented to the county chief executive, before it becomes effective. If the chief executive approves, he or she signs the resolution or ordinance. If the chief executive does not approve, he or she returns the resolution or ordinance with his or her objections, and the county board proceeds to reconsider the matter. Appropriations may be approved in whole or in part by the chief executive.

2011 Senate Joint Resolution 16 is a proposed constitutional amendment, on second consideration in the 2011 Legislature, that provides that in approving an appropriation in part, the county chief executive may not create a new word by rejecting individual letters in the words of the resolution or ordinance and may not create a new sentence by combining parts of two or more sentences of the resolution or ordinance. In addition, the joint resolution provides that the proposed constitutional amendment is to be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of April 2011.

Senate Amendment 1 changes the date of the election at which the proposed constitutional amendment is to be submitted to a vote of the people to the election held on the first Tuesday of April 2012.

Legislative History

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce, and Government Operations. On June 28, 2011, the recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0. The committee then recommended adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 16, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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