

State of Misconsin 2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

## **2023 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 17**

March 22, 2023 – Introduced by Representatives August and Vos, cosponsored by Senators LEMAHIEU and KAPENGA. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: calling on the governor to call a special election to fill a vacancy in the
Office of Secretary of State.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This joint resolution calls on the governor to call a special election to fill a vacancy in the Office of Secretary of State.

3	Whereas, Secretary of State Douglas J. La Follette resigned the Office of
4	Secretary of State on March 17, 2023, thereby creating a vacancy; and
5	Whereas, the Office of Secretary of State is responsible for recording official acts
6	of the executive branch, affixing the state's great seal to official documents, having
7	custody of books and records of state government, maintaining and compiling
8	enrolled laws and resolutions, and preserving and keeping deeds, conveyances,
9	abstracts of title, and options and leases of land belonging to this state; and
10	Whereas, the voters of Wisconsin expect, deserve, and are entitled to select
11	their state constitutional officers, including the secretary of state; now, therefore, be
12	it

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1**Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the Wisconsin2State Legislature calls on Governor Tony Evers to exercise his powers under section38.50 (4) (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes and call an immediate special election to fill the4vacancy in the Office of Secretary of State.