



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Assembly Journal

One-Hundred and Sixth Regular Session

TUESDAY, January 30, 2024

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date:

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 627** offered by Representative Armstrong.

Assembly Amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 664** offered by Representative Rozar.

Assembly Amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 767** offered by Representative Wichgers.

Assembly Amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 933** offered by Representative Wittke.

Assembly Amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 956** offered by Representative Born.

Assembly Amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 957** offered by Representative Pronschinske.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 23-035

Relating to ambulance inspection standards.
Submitted by Department of Transportation.
Report received from Agency, January 8, 2024.
To committee on **Transportation**.
Referred on January 23, 2024.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 23-044

Relating to the tracking of sexual assault kits in sexual assault cases.
Submitted by Department of Justice.
Report received from Agency, January 11, 2024.
To committee on **Criminal Justice and Public Safety**.
Referred on January 25, 2024.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Bill 1030

Relating to: the regulation of deer hunting in the northern forest zone.

By Representatives Green, Sapik, Swearingen, Callahan, Boddin, Edming, O'Connor and Summerfield; cosponsored by Senators Quinn, Felzkowski and Testin.

To committee on **Sporting Heritage**.

Assembly Bill 1031

Relating to: operations of state-chartered savings and loan associations.

By Representatives Rettinger, O'Connor and Myers; cosponsored by Senators Feyen, Tomczyk and Taylor.

To committee on **Financial Institutions**.

Assembly Bill 1032

Relating to: the availability of information on crimes through the consolidated court automation programs.

By Representatives Tusler, Allen, O'Connor and Maxey; cosponsored by Senators Wanggaard, Knodl, Ballweg and Tomczyk.

To committee on **Criminal Justice and Public Safety**.

Assembly Bill 1033

Relating to: creating a digital interactive media tax credit, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

By Representatives Moses, Summerfield, Allen, O'Connor, Rettinger, Schmidt, Schraa and Tittl; cosponsored by Senator Testin.

To committee on **Ways and Means**.

Assembly Bill 1034

Relating to: participation in interscholastic athletics and application of the public records and open meetings laws to interscholastic athletic associations.

By Representatives Duchow, Behnke, Dittrich, Michalski, Moses, Murphy, O'Connor and Spiros; cosponsored by Senators Tomczyk, Knodl, Stroebel and Ballweg.

To committee on **Education**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on **Housing and Real Estate** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 197

Relating to: procedures for reviewing commercial building plans.

Passage:

Ayes: 10 - Representatives Brooks, Penterman, Allen, Armstrong, Goeben, Krug, Murphy, Pronschinske, Schraa and Summerfield.

Noes: 5 - Representatives Haywood, Emerson, Ortiz-Velez, Bare and Clancy.

To joint committee on **Finance**.

Assembly Bill 198

Relating to: local government review of commercial building plans.

Passage:

Ayes: 10 - Representatives Brooks, Penterman, Allen, Armstrong, Goeben, Krug, Murphy, Pronschinske, Schraa and Summerfield.

Noes: 5 - Representatives Haywood, Emerson, Ortiz-Velez, Bare and Clancy.

To joint committee on **Finance**.

Assembly Bill 199

Relating to: permission to start construction of a commercial building before plan approval.

Passage:

Ayes: 10 - Representatives Brooks, Penterman, Allen, Armstrong, Goeben, Krug, Murphy, Pronschinske, Schraa and Summerfield.

Noes: 5 - Representatives Haywood, Emerson, Ortiz-Velez, Bare and Clancy.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Bill 444

Relating to: declaring discriminatory restrictions in instruments that affect real property void and unenforceable and allowing an owner of real property to discharge and release such a discriminatory restriction.

Assembly Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 15 - Representatives Brooks, Penterman, Allen, Armstrong, Goeben, Krug, Murphy, Pronschinske, Schraa, Summerfield, Haywood, Emerson, Ortiz-Velez, Bare and Clancy.

Noes: 0.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 15 - Representatives Brooks, Penterman, Allen, Armstrong, Goeben, Krug, Murphy, Pronschinske, Schraa, Summerfield, Haywood, Emerson, Ortiz-Velez, Bare and Clancy.

Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Bill 621

Relating to: temporary limited easements for construction crane booms that pass over adjacent real property.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 9 - Representatives Brooks, Penterman, Armstrong, Goeben, Krug, Murphy, Pronschinske, Schraa and Summerfield.

Noes: 6 - Representatives Allen, Haywood, Emerson, Ortiz-Velez, Bare and Clancy.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 9 - Representatives Brooks, Penterman, Armstrong, Goeben, Krug, Murphy, Pronschinske, Schraa and Summerfield.

Noes: 6 - Representatives Allen, Haywood, Emerson, Ortiz-Velez, Bare and Clancy.

To committee on **Rules**.

ROBERT BROOKS

Chairperson

Committee on Housing and Real Estate

The committee on **State Affairs** reports and recommends:

Assembly Joint Resolution 99

Relating to: continuity of government (first consideration).

Adoption:

Ayes: 13 - Representatives Swearingen, Green, Brooks, Gustafson, Moses, Schraa, Spiros, Summerfield, Sinicki, Ohnstad, Baldeh, Hong and Cabrera.

Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

ROB SWEARINGEN

Chairperson

Committee on State Affairs

The committee on **Veterans and Military Affairs** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 580

Relating to: admission of spouses at veterans homes.

Passage:

Ayes: 15 - Representatives Edming, VanderMeer, Allen, Michalski, Penterman, Petryk, Snyder, Sortwell, Summerfield, Tittl, Riemer, Sinicki, Ortiz-Velez, Ratcliff and Goyke.

Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Bill 772

Relating to: the tuition grant program for national guard members administered by the Department of Military Affairs.

Passage:

Ayes: 15 - Representatives Edming, VanderMeer, Allen, Michalski, Penterman, Petryk, Snyder, Sortwell, Summerfield, Tittl, Riemer, Sinicki, Ortiz-Velez, Ratcliff and Goyke.

Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

JAMES EDMING

Chairperson

Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

January 30, 2024

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

The following bill, originating in the Assembly, has been vetoed in its entirety, and was returned to its house of origin, together with the objections in writing:

Bill Number
Assembly Bill 415

Date of Veto
January 30, 2024

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 415 in its entirety.

Assembly Bill 415 would redistrict the state's legislative districts.

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 415 in its entirety because I object to maps designed to undemocratically serve the politicians who draft them. The people of Wisconsin deserve fair maps, and this bill is a last-ditch effort aimed at preventing that outcome. The people of Wisconsin have lived under some of the most gerrymandered maps in the country for a decade. Wisconsinites have long deserved maps that are fair, responsive, and reflect the will of the people, and my promise to Wisconsinites has always been and remains that I will not accept anything less.

This bill prioritizes protecting incumbent, gerrymandered legislators by making their future campaigns more convenient for them, not better for the constituents they serve. Moving legislative district lines to ensure Republican-gerrymandered incumbents are better positioned to retain political power does not help root out gerrymandering from our democracy; it further entrenches it.

Wisconsinites want and deserve maps that support a robust, healthy, and deliberative democracy in which elected officials are responsive to their communities and constituents and must work to earn the support and the votes of the people they serve. Assembly Bill 415, in stark contrast, aims to serve the elected officials who voted for those maps. Protecting incumbents is neither what Wisconsin law prioritizes nor requires—and for good reason.

I further object to these maps failing to comply with basic constitutional requirements for legislative districts, a likely consequence of the Wisconsin State Legislature haphazardly amending, advancing, and passing Assembly Bill 415 in less than 24 hours' time.

The results of that rushed process are clear: Assembly Districts 88 and 93, as created by this bill, include non-contiguous territory in violation of our State Constitution. This fact alone renders Assembly Bill 415's maps noncompliant with core constitutional and legal requirements for legislative districts.

Often, in vetoing a bill, the main solace I can offer Wisconsinites is that a bad policy—in this case, unbalanced, unfair maps designed to protect incumbent legislators—is prevented from becoming law. Today, fair maps deserving of the people of this state are within reach. I submitted fair maps to the Wisconsin Supreme Court to consider in the ongoing redistricting litigation, *Clarke v. Wisconsin Elections Commission*. These fair maps are responsive to the will of the people, avoid partisan bias, increase the number of competitive legislative seats, and meet all legal requirements. I remain as optimistic as ever that Wisconsinites will soon have the fair maps they deserve at long last.

Respectfully submitted,
TONY EVERS
 Governor

SPEAKER'S COMMUNICATIONS

January 30, 2024

Edward A. Blazel
 Assembly Chief Clerk
 17 West Main Street, Suite 401
 Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Blazel:

Minority Leader Greta Neubauer nominated Representative Mike Bare to replace Representative Marisabel Cabrera on the Assembly Committee on State Affairs. I approve of this change effective immediately.

Sincerely,
ROBIN J. VOS
 Assembly Speaker

COMMUNICATIONS

January 30, 2024

Edward A. Blazel
 Assembly Chief Clerk
 17 West Main Street, Suite 401
 Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Blazel:

Please add my name as a coauthor of Assembly Bill 823, relating to the Energy Innovation Grant Program and making an appropriation.

Sincerely,
DEB ANDRACA
 State Representative
 23rd Assembly District

January 30, 2024

Edward A. Blazel
 Assembly Chief Clerk
 17 West Main Street, Suite 401
 Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Blazel:

Please add my name as a coauthor of Assembly Joint Resolution 101, relating to prohibiting ranked-choice voting in Wisconsin elections and prohibiting voting for candidates of more than one political party in primaries for partisan office (first consideration).

Sincerely,
JERRY O'CONNOR
 State Representative
 52nd Assembly District