



State of Wisconsin  
2003 - 2004 LEGISLATURE

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## 2003 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 44

March 11, 2004 - Introduced by Representative MILLER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **To repeal** assembly rule 9 (2) (intro.); **to amend** assembly rule 9 (2) (bm), (c) and  
2 (cm); and **to create** assembly rule 9 (2) (d) and (e) and assembly rule 9 (2m);  
3 **relating to:** election of assembly committee chairpersons.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This assembly resolution provides for the election, rather than the appointment by the speaker, of chairpersons, vice chairpersons, and secretaries of assembly standing committees.

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4 **Resolved by the assembly, That:**  
5 **SECTION 1.** Assembly rule 9 (2) (intro.) is repealed.  
6 **SECTION 2.** Assembly rule 9 (2) (bm), (c) and (cm) are amended to read:  
7 Assembly Rule 9 (2) (bm) The first-named person of each standing committee  
8 is the shall convene the first meeting of the committee in each legislative biennium,  
9 at which the committee shall elect a chairperson and the second-named person is  
10 the, vice chairperson, and secretary before engaging in any other activity. The  
11 secretary shall be elected first and shall administer the election for chairperson and

1 vice chairperson and perform the duties of vice chairperson in the absence of the  
2 chairperson or vice chairperson. An election for chairperson or vice chairperson is  
3 by secret ballot. The committee member receiving the most votes is the chairperson  
4 and the committee member receiving the 2nd most votes is the vice chairperson,  
5 except that if no committee member receives a majority of the votes the chairperson  
6 and vice chairperson shall be elected by secret ballot from the committee member  
7 receiving the most votes and the committee member receiving the 2nd most votes.  
8 Of these 2 members, the committee member receiving the most votes is the  
9 chairperson and the committee member receiving the 2nd most votes is the vice  
10 chairperson. If after a committee elects a chairperson, vice chairperson, and  
11 secretary a vacancy occurs in the office of chairperson or secretary, the vacancy shall  
12 be filled by election in the same manner as the original election.

13 (c) The speaker shall make all committee appointments of members of the  
14 minority party as nominated by the minority leader, ~~except that the speaker may~~  
15 ~~appoint any member of the minority party as chairperson of a committee.~~

16 (cm) ~~Unless the member is the~~ The chairperson, the first-nominated minority  
17 ~~member of each standing committee who is first nominated by the minority leader~~  
18 ~~is and vice chairperson are the ranking minority member~~ committee members of that  
19 committee unless the speaker and minority leader agree that the first-nominated  
20 ~~member is the vice chairperson of the committee~~ chairperson and vice chairperson  
21 are members of the same party. In that case, the leader of the party without a  
22 ranking member on the committee may name as ranking member a member of the  
23 committee who is a member of that party.

24 **SECTION 3.** Assembly rule 9 (2) (d) and (e) are created to read:

