



DOOR COUNTY

Resolution No. 2017-43

RECOUNT REFORM

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
AUSTAD	X		
BACON	X		
D. ENGLEBERT	X		
R. ENGLEBERT	X		
ENIGL	X		
FISHER	X		
GUNNLAUGSSON	X		
HALSTEAD	X		
KOCH	X		
KOHOUT	X		
LIENAU	X		
LUNDAHL	X		
MOELLER	X		
NEINAS	X		
ROBILLARD	X		
SCHULTZ	X		
SITTE	X		
SOHNS	X		
VIRLEE	X		
VRIES WOTACHEK	X		
WAIT	X		
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BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve: Kohout Adopted Defeated

1st Kohout 2nd Sohns

Yes: 21 No: 0 Exc: 0

Reviewed by: [Signature], Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: [Signature], Administrator

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact to County of Door or its annual budget associated with the adoption of this resolution. MEJ

Certification:

I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 27th day of June, 2017 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

[Signature]
Jill M. Lau
County Clerk, Door County

1 **WHEREAS**, After the general election, a candidate that lost by over 1.3
 2 million votes and only received 1% of the total vote petitioned for and
 3 initiated a full statewide recount. The recount prevented clerks from
 4 attending to their regular duties and resulted in unanticipated expense; and

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 6 **WHEREAS**, The Recount Reform Bill preserves the right to request a
 7 recount but limits them to the margin of error. Only "aggrieved parties" can
 8 petition for a recount. An aggrieved party is a candidate that is within 1%
 9 of the winning candidate in an election with over 4,000 votes or within 40
 10 votes in a race under 4,000 votes; and

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 12 **WHEREAS**, The Recount Reform proposal also improves the recount
 13 process to ensure tax payers are not responsible for any unnecessary
 14 recount costs and to ensure submission of Wisconsin Electoral College
 15 votes. Changes include: The Wisconsin Elections Commission will be
 16 reimbursed for any costs incurred in a recount; extends the time to submit
 17 recount costs from 30 to 45 days; shortens the recount petition deadline by
 18 two days to ensure submission of Wisconsin's Electoral College votes;
 19 gives the county board of canvassers an additional day to begin their
 20 recount. The proposal does not affect Wisconsin's free recount margin of
 21 0.25%; and

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 23 **WHEREAS**, The undersigned members of the Legislative Committee
 24 recommend adoption of this resolution, in support of the Recount Reform
 25 Bill.

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 27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Door County Board
 28 of Supervisors does support legislation to allow only aggrieved parties to
 29 petition for a recount to ensure tax payers are not responsible for any
 30 unnecessary recount costs, to allow the Wisconsin Elections Commission
 31 to be reimbursed for any costs incurred in a recount; extend the time to
 32 submit recount costs from 30 to 45 days; shorten the recount petition
 33 deadline by two days to ensure submission of Wisconsin's Electoral
 34 College votes; give the county board of canvassers an additional day to
 35 begin their recount.

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 37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the County Clerk is hereby directed
 38 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of
 39 Wisconsin, to legislators representing Door County constituents, and to the
 40 Wisconsin Counties Association and all Wisconsin Counties.

SUBMITTED BY: LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

[Signature] Susan Kohout, Chairman
[Signature] Helen Bacon
[Signature] Roy Englebert
[Signature] David Enigl
[Signature] Steve Sohns