Resolution No. 2017-43

RECOUNT REFORM

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

SIGNED: LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Susan Kohout, Chairman

Helen Bacon

Roy Englebert

David Enigl

Steve Sohns

Reviewed by: [signature]
Corps 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.

Certification:

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.

Jill M. Lau
County Clerk, Door County