

Resolution No. 22-07/17
Supporting Proposed Legislation Relating to Election Recounts

1 Moved/Sponsored by: Executive Committee
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3 **WHEREAS**, after the 2016 general election, a Presidential candidate that lost the election by
4 over 1.3 million votes and only received 1% of the total votes petitioned for and initiated a full
5 statewide recount; and,
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7 **WHEREAS**, in reaction to that recount, a Recount Reform Bill (AB 153 and SB 102) was
8 introduced in the Wisconsin Legislature; and,
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10 **WHEREAS**, the Recount Reform Bill's proposed changes include:
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- 12 • Only aggrieved parties can petition for a recount. An aggrieved party is a candidate that
13 is within 1% of the winning candidate in an election with over 4, 000 votes or within 40
14 votes in a race under 4,000 votes.
- 15 • Wisconsin Elections Commission will be reimbursed for any costs incurred in a recount.
- 16 • Extends the time to submit recount costs from 30 to 45 days.
- 17 • Shortens the recount petition deadline by two days.
- 18 • Gives the County Board of Canvassers an additional day to begin their recount.
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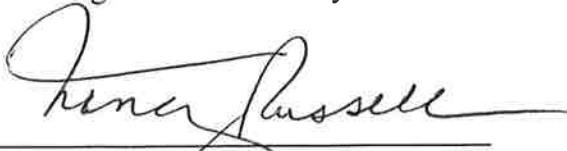
20 **WHEREAS**, the Recount Reform Bill does not affect Wisconsin's free recount margin of
21 0.25%.
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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors
24 hereby supports only the following portions of the Recount Reform Bill:
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- 26 • Wisconsin Elections Commission will be reimbursed for any costs incurred in a recount;
- 27 • Extends the time to submit recount costs from 30 to 45 days;
- 28 • Gives the County Board of Canvassers an additional day to begin their recount.
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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that provided taxpayers are reimbursed, no candidate should
31 be denied the right to request a recount regardless of the margin of loss.
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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors directs the
34 County Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Walker, State Legislators
35 representing Walworth County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.
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40 Nancy Russell
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County Clerk

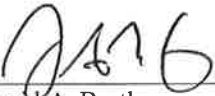
43 County Board Meeting Date: July 11, 2017

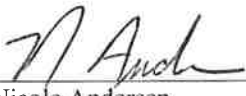
This Resolution/Ordinance was
Adopted: Roll Call/U.C./Voice
Rejected/Referred/Laid Over
Ayes: Noes: Absent:
Date July 11, 2017

Policy and Fiscal Note
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- I. **Title:** Supporting Proposed Legislation Relating to Election Recounts
- II. **Purpose and Policy Impact Statement:** The purpose of this advisory resolution is to support the following proposed changes under the Recount Reform Bills:
- 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;
 - Gives the County Board of Canvassers an additional day to begin their recount.
- III. **Budget and Fiscal Impact:** Passage of this resolution will have no fiscal impact on the county budget.
- IV. **Referred to the following standing committees for consideration and date of referral:**
- Committee: Executive Committee Meeting Date: June 19, 2017
- Vote: 5-0
- County Board Meeting Date: July 11, 2017

Policy and fiscal note has been reviewed and approved as an accurate statement of the probable policy and fiscal impacts associated with passage of the attached resolution.

 6/19/17
David A. Bretl Date
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel

 6/19/17
Nicole Andersen Date
Deputy County Administrator - Finance