

## RESOLUTION 28-2017

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Resolution offered by Executive Committee:

**RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That**

**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 vote 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 FOREST 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 Forest County constituents, and to the Wisconsin Counties Association and all Wisconsin Counties.

I, County Clerk, in and for the said County of Forest, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, in legal session on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

Nora Matuszewski  
Nora Matuszewski, Forest County Clerk

Paul Millan  
Supervisor

ROLL CALL SHEET			
COUNTY BOARD			
Date <u>8/15/17</u>			
No. <u>28-2017</u>			
Resolution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Ordinance _____	
Motion:		Adopted _____	
1st <u>Connors</u>		Lost _____	
2nd <u>Berg</u>		Tabled _____	
	Aye	No	Absent
Berg	X		
Bunda	X		
Campbell	X		
Chaney	X		
Collins	X		
Connors, Jr.	X		
Dailey	X		
Dehart	X		
Gallion	X		
Houle	X		
Huettl			X
Karl	X		
Laabs			X
Lukas	X		
Marvin	X		
Matuszewski	X		
Millan	X		
Otto	X		
*Shaffer	X		
Stamper	X		
Tauer	X		
TOTAL	19		2