RESOLUTION #28-2017

INTRODUCED BY: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

INTENT: SUPPORT THE RECOUNT REFORM BILL

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.

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.

WHEREAS, the Recount Reform proposal also improves the recount process to ensure tax
payers are not responsible for any unnecessary recount costs and protects 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 protect 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%.

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Executive Committee recommend
adoption of this resolution and that the Langlade 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 protect Wisconsin’s Electoral
College votes; give the County Board of Canvassers an additional day to begin their recount, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Langlade County Clerk be
directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to all Langlade County State Representatives.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

David J. Solin, Chairman
Ronald M. Nye
Pete Hammond
Douglas Nonnenmacher
Holly Matucheski

FISCAL NOTE: No fiscal impact.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OFLANGLADE
COUNTY THIS 16TH DAY OF MAY, 2017.

Judy Nagel, Langlade County Clerk