RESOLUTION #58-2017

INTRODUCED BY: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

INTENT: OPPOSING THE PASAGE OF 2017 SENATE BILL 54 AND 2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 94

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced, in the form of 2017 Senate Bill 54 and 2017 Assembly Bill 94, to amend the Wisconsin State Statutes to require the Department of Corrections to recommend revoking a person’s extended supervision, probation or parole if the person is charged with a crime while on extended supervision, probation or parole; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections estimates that this legislation could result in an increase of 5,570 revocation cases each year. This means that 5,570 more individuals would be occupying county jails without proper reimbursement from the State; and

WHEREAS, this legislation, as drafted, is an unfunded mandate to Wisconsin’s counties and their jails; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that this bill could result in increased operating and construction costs for the Department of Corrections, exceeding $51,000,000 during the first year of enactment, and ongoing and permanent increase; operational costs of over $149,000,000 after the population is annualized during the second year of enactment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Langlade County Board of Supervisors does hereby oppose the passage of 2017 Senate Bill 54 and 2017 Assembly Bill 94, urge our elected representatives of the legislature to vote against these bills, and further urge Governor Walker to veto and resulting act created by the passage of these bills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Langlade County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to all Wisconsin Counties, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor Walker.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Arlene Bonacci, Chairman
Richard Schub
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FISCAL NOTE: There are no fiscal obligations for the county associated with this resolution.

Adopted by the County Board of Langlade County this 28th day of November, 2017.

Judy Nagel, Langlade County Clerk