

LANGLADE COUNTY



RESOLUTION #12-2018

INTRODUCED BY: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

INTENT: OPPOSITION TO 2017 SENATE BILL 777 AND 2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 923 RELATING TO CHANGING THE AUTHORITY OF COUNTY EXECUTIVES, ADMINISTRATORS AND COUNTY BOARDS.

WHEREAS, the relationship between each County Board and its administrative structure is unique as it represents the culmination of successful working relationships and continuing creativity in the execution of governance duties; and

WHEREAS, proposed 2017 Senate Bill 777 ("SB 777") and 2017 Assembly Bill 923 ("AB 923") make a number of changes to laws relating to the authority of county executives, administrators and county boards; and

WHEREAS, SB 777 and AB 923 generally provide that any power conferred to a county executive or administrator must be broadly and liberally construed and limited only by express language, and that, to the extent that a conflict exists between county board action and county executive or administrator action, the action of the executive or administrator shall prevail, to the extent of the conflict; and

WHEREAS, SB 777 and AB 923 seeks to change the relationship and authority that currently exists between county executives, administrators and county boards statewide; and

WHEREAS, SB 777 and AB 923 restrict county board actions related to the budget, including the disallowance of any items other than: a) the county or municipal tax levy; b) anticipated revenue amounts from all sources; and c) appropriations for all departments, and for any other obligations of the county or municipality; and prohibiting the county board of a county with a county executive and a municipality's governing body from issuing municipal obligations in an amount that is higher than the amount initially proposed by the county or chief executive in his or her proposed budget for that biennium; and

WHEREAS, SB 777 and AB 923 fundamentally expand the powers that may be exercised by the county executive and administrators and limit the powers that may be exercised by a county board, without appropriate input from the 72 Wisconsin counties, through their boards, constitutional officers, corporation counsel, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Langlade County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its opposition to 2017 Senate Bill 777 and 2017 Assembly Bill 923.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Governor Scott Walker, all Legislative Representatives for Langlade County, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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

FISCAL NOTE: no fiscal impact

Adopted by the County Board of Langlade County this 20th day of March, 2018.

Judy Nagel, Langlade County Clerk