

WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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VOTE

2018 RESOLUTION 15

Support for a County Biennial Budget

WHEREAS, Counties in the State of Wisconsin are not permitted to budget on a biennial basis because pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Wisconsin Statutes, a County Administrator or County Executive is required to submit an annual budget to the County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, budgeting on an annual basis takes up considerable staff time each year that, should Counties be allowed to budget on a biennial basis, would allow staff time to focus on other areas such as strategic planning, implementing policies, and improving County operations on a day-to-day basis; and

WHEREAS, budgeting on a biennial basis would place Counties in a better position to incorporate strategic planning into the budgeting process by focusing on the County's long-term objectives and priorities and the strategies necessary to achieve those objectives; and

WHEREAS, budgeting on a biennial basis would permit Counties to focus on providing for long-term fiscal health, a Washington County priority objective for a *Well Governed and Administered County* rather than simply balancing the budget for the immediate year; and

WHEREAS, allowing a County to adopt a biennial budgeting process would allow it the freedom to choose a budgeting process that it deems best suited to address the needs of the public it serves;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of Supervisors that this Board seeks the support of the Wisconsin Counties Association to take this objective before the Wisconsin Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Clerk shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association.

VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

RESOLUTION SUMMARY: Resolution requesting the support of the Wisconsin Counties Association to bring this objective before the Wisconsin Legislature.

1 APPROVED:
2 (signed by Bradley S. Stern)
3 Bradley S. Stern, County Attorney

4 Dated 6/14/18

6 Considered 6/13/18

7 Adopted 6/13/18

8 Ayes 23 Noes 1 Absent 2

9 Voice Vote _____

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11 (There is currently no direct fiscal impact related to this resolution. Indirect fiscal impact
12 includes substantial staff savings across the county and other related costs.)

Introduced by members of the EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE as filed with the County Clerk.

(signed by Donald A. Kriefall)

Donald A. Kriefall, Chairperson