

## JUDICIAL & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

**DATE: Tuesday, August 23, 2022**

**TIME: 9:00 a.m.**

**LOCATION: Room 114, Wood County Courthouse**

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Public comments. Now or at the time the item is taken up. Rules may apply.
3. Review resolution on direct ballot initiatives.
4. Review resolution on County Board Rule 16 attendance at WCA Convention.
5. Adjourn.

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### **Join by phone**

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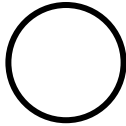
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RESOLUTION#

Introduced by Judicial & Legislative Committee  
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ITEM# 5-  
DATE August 23, 2022  
Effective Date August 23, 2022

**Motion:**  
1<sup>st</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup>  
No: Yes: Absent:

Adopted:  
Lost:  
Tabled:

Number of votes required:  
☒ Majority ☐ Two-thirds

Reviewed by: , Corp Counsel

Reviewed by: , Finance Dir.

LAD

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To conduct a countywide advisory referendum on whether the state should allow direct ballot initiatives for statewide legislation.

FISCAL NOTE: Minimal layout and coding charges.

		NO	YES	A
1	LaFontaine, D			
2	Rozar, D			
3	Buttke, T			
4	Wagner, E			
5	Fischer, A			
6	Breu, A			
7	Voight, W			
8	Hahn, J			
9	Winch, W			
10	Thao, L			
11	Penzkover, J			
12	Valenstein, L			
13	Hokamp, J			
14	Polach, D			
15	Clendenning, B			
16	Pliml, L			
17	Zurfluh, J			
18	Hamilton, B			
19	Leichtnam, B			

**WHEREAS**, many states allow their citizens to participate directly in the legislative process through direct ballot initiatives whereby citizens can have legislative matters placed before the voters by means of getting enough signatures on proposals for legislative action, and

**WHEREAS**, direct legislation through ballot initiatives provides some direct control over legislative action by the citizens, and

**WHEREAS**, direct legislation allows the citizens to introduce legislative measures that might be frowned upon by the legislators, including governance reform policies, like term limits and finance campaign controls, and

**WHEREAS**, direct legislation makes legislators more responsive to the desires of the people and less to the political parties they are members of.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES** to direct the Wood County Clerk to place the following question on the November 8, 2022 ballot as an advisory referendum.

**Question:** Should the Wisconsin Legislature create a law allowing for direct ballot initiatives for statewide legislation?

Yes No

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BILL CLENDENNING (Chair)

BILL LEICHTNAM

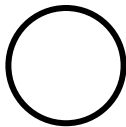
WILLIAM VOIGHT

ED WAGNER

JOSEPH H. ZURFLUH

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this day of 20 .

County ClerkCounty Board Chairman



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Reviewed by:

, Corp Counsel

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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To modify County Board Rule #16 so as to not limit the number of county board supervisors who can attend annual WCA conventions.

FISCAL NOTE: Nothing direct; there is the possibility of a slight increase in per diems and mileage for conference attendance.

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WHEREAS, current Wood County Board Rule #16 provides that: “Attendance at the annual WCA conventions shall consist of no more than nine members of the County Board, to include the County Board Chairperson,” and

WHEREAS, the Judicial and Legislative Committee has studied the matter and believes that attendance at educational conventions by county board supervisors benefits the county and the nominal costs of per diems and mileage are vastly outweighed by the benefits the attendees bring back to the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to delete the above referenced paragraph in the Wood County Board Rules thereby eliminating the cap on the number of supervisors who can attend Wisconsin Counties Association conventions.

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BILL CLENDENNING (Chair)  
BILL LEICHTNAM  
WILLIAM VOIGHT  
ED WAGNER  
JOSEPH H. ZURFLUH

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this                      day of                      20                      .

County Clerk

County Board Chairman