



Legislation Committee
Agenda
Kenosha County Administration Building
2nd Floor Committee Room
July 17, 2018, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

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1. Call To Order
2. Citizen Comments
3. Reports From Chairperson
4. Reports From Committee Members
5. Communications
6. Approval Of Minutes
 - a. June 19, 2018 Minutes

Documents:

[JUNE 19, 2018 MINUTES.PDF](#)

7. Discussion With Senator Van Wanggaard
8. Resolution Calling On The Legislature To Enact Automatic Voter Registration

Documents:

[RESOLUTION AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION.PDF](#)

9. Resolution Recognizing September 25, 2018, As National Voter Registration Day

Documents:

[RESOLUTION VOTER REGISTRATION DAY.PDF](#)

10. Resolution To Place An Advisory Referendum On The November 2018 Ballot On Permitting Use Of Marijuana For Medical Purposes

Documents:

RESOLUTION MEDICAL MARIJUANA REFERENDUM.PDF

11. Other Matters As May Be Appropriately Brought Before The Committee
12. Adjourn

There may be a quorum of other Committees of the County Board.

MINUTES
Legislative Committee
June 19, 2018

Present: Gabe Nudo, Andy Berg, Dayvin Hallmon, Boyd Frederick, John Franco, Zach Rodriguez, Mark Nordigian YIG: Katherine Bogdala

Excused: YIG: Elizabeth Vankammen

Others present: Jeff Gentz, John Poole, Erin Decker, Joseph Cardamone

6:01 PM

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Gabe Nudo in the 2nd floor Committee room at the Administration Building. Emily Bruno did roll call.

6:00 PM

2. Citizen Comments: None

6:00 PM

3. Reports from Chairperson: Chair Nudo said he contacted a few legislators to ask them to attend one of our committee meetings. July: Senator Wanggaard; August: Representative Barca; September: Representative Kerkman.

6:00 PM

4. Reports from Committee Members: None

6:00 PM

5. Communications: None

6:03 PM

6. Approval of May 15, 2018 minutes: **Supervisor Franco made a motion to approve. Seconded by Supervisor Frederick. All aye. Motion passes.**

6:05 PM

7. Legislative Update presentation with Dan Bahr, Wisconsin Counties Association: Dan Bahr gave a general review of the 2017-2018 Session.

6:55 PM

8. Ordinances on Amendment of MCKC Chapter 2.04 (1) (a) 4- County Board Rules of Procedure Relating to Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair: Jeff Gentz introduced his ordinance proposal. Discussion ensued. **Supervisor Frederick made a motion to table. Seconded by Supervisor Berg. YIG: Aye. Aye: 6; Nay: 1 (Supervisor Rodriguez). Motion passes.**

7:05 PM

9. Resolution to Place an Advisory Referendum on the November 2018 Ballot on Addressing the Dark Store Loophole: Supervisor Frederick stated that the City of Kenosha and Somers already announced their own referendums and he would like the Chairman to send a letter to the City of Kenosha and Somers about possibly changing to one referendum for the entire County so there are not two referendums on some ballots. **Supervisor Nordigian made a motion to approve. Seconded by Supervisor Franco. YIG: Aye. All aye. Motion passes.**

7:10 PM

10. Resolution Calling on the Legislature to Address the Dark Store Loophole: Discussion ensued. **Supervisor Franco made a motion to amend resolution to state “Be it further resolved, that the Wisconsin State Legislature be requested to address this issue in the session beginning January, 2019.”** Seconded by Supervisor Nordigan. YIG: Aye. Aye: 6; Nay: 1 (Supervisor Hallmon). Motion passes. Supervisor Nordigan made a motion to approve resolution as amended. Seconded by Supervisor Rodriguez. YIG: Aye. All aye. Motion passes.

7:23 PM

11. Other matters: None.

7:23 PM

12. Adjourn: **Supervisor Nordigan made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Hallmon. All aye. Motion passes.**

A recording of the minutes is available.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Bruno
Executive Assistant

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KENOSHA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION NO.

Subject: Calling on the Legislature to Enact Automatic Voter Registration	
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Date Submitted:	Date Resubmitted:
Submitted By: John Franco	
Fiscal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	Legal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Prepared By: John Franco	Signature:

Whereas, approximately 3 million Wisconsinites voted in the November 2018 presidential election out of almost 4.5 million eligible voters in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, with an estimated 3.5 million eligible registered voters in Wisconsin, roughly 500,000 registered voters did not vote in 2016 and about 1 million still are not registered; and

Whereas, the result of Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) laws has increased voting percentages, as more eligible voters were added to the rolls; and

Whereas, Oregon, the first state in the union to implement automatic voter registration, in 2016, registered 288,516 new voters for the first time, of which 186,050 were registered as a result of the AVR law and an additional 35,000 Oregon residents whose registration had lapsed were re-registered through AVR; and

Whereas, according to the Department of Transportation there are 4,161,331 Wisconsinites with drivers licenses but, as mentioned, only 3.5 million registered voters meaning that, even adjusting for residents who are not citizens or who are under the age of 18, there are a substantial number of eligible voters who would be automatically added to the voter rolls; and

Whereas, automatic voter registration has saved money for taxpayers by reducing the time and cost of paper registration, just as Wisconsin online registration has simplified the process and cut costs for those who have been able to take advantage of it; and

Whereas, Assembly Bill 609 on Automatic Voter Registration was already introduced on November 2, 2017, but was not put on the Assembly schedule for consideration;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors call on the Wisconsin State Legislature to reintroduce legislation to pass an automatic voter registration law in Wisconsin, which would allow the Department of Transportation to coordinate with the Wisconsin Elections Commission in order to maintain a reliable data base of voter information, automatically registering eligible voters unless they wished to opt out of the automatic registration system; and

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Representative Eric Genrich, Senator Dave Hansen, Kenosha County's legislative delegation, Wisconsin Assembly and Senate

leadership, Governor Scott Walker, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and to all other Wisconsin counties.

John Franco

Approved by:

Legislative Committee:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION NO.

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Whereas, the right to vote is a fundamental right that is a basic responsibility as an American citizen and is a vital component of a healthy democracy; and

Whereas, some citizens in Kenosha County struggle to realize their right to vote for reasons such as missing a registration deadline, failing to update one’s registration, or simply not being aware of the process; and

Whereas, each eligible Kenosha County citizen who would like to vote should be able to do so without encountering unnecessary barriers to the ballot box that could be easily remedied by education and civic action; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Census estimates that over 20 percent of eligible United States citizens are not registered to vote, comprising roughly 60 to 70 million people; and

Whereas, increased voter registration will lead to a higher participation rate in elections; and

Whereas, in 2016 over 750,000 voters used National Voter Registration Day to register to vote across 50 states and the holiday’s growing number of local partners engage upwards of 10,000 local volunteers; and

Whereas, many organizations and individuals who encourage voter registration and civic participation have promoted National Voter Registration Day; and

Whereas, since 2012 this holiday has been endorsed by the National Association of Secretaries of State and the National Association of State Election Directors.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors recognize September 25, 2018 as National Voter Registration Day with the intent to encourage local civic organizations to participate in the registration process and make sure that all potential voters have the necessary identification to ensure one’s right to vote; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors call on all Kenosha County citizens to ensure that they are registered to vote either online, by mail, or in person and pledge to go to the polls on Election Day and vote every opportunity one has at the local, state, and federal levels; and

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Kenosha County's legislative delegation, Governor Scott Walker, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

John Franco

Approved by:

Legislative Committee:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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KENOSHA COUNTY
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RESOLUTION NO.

Subject: To Place an Advisory Referendum on the November 2018 Ballot on Permitting use of Marijuana for Medical Purposes	
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Submitted By: Supervisor Andy Berg	
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Prepared By: Andy Berg	Signature:

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is suffering from an “opioid epidemic” with 800 overdoses reported last year alone; and

WHEREAS, research shows cannabis is an effective option for pain management and states that legalize its use see opioid prescriptions and dosages plummet; and

WHEREAS, the federal Food and Drug Administration has now approved the first ever cannabis-derived treatment for epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, criminalizing cannabis use has failed to curb its use and more than 100 million Americans say they have used cannabis; and

WHEREAS, 59 percent of Wisconsinites in a 2016 poll said that cannabis should be “fully legalized and regulated like alcohol,” and recent polls show a majority of Americans favor legalization of adult recreational use of cannabis; and

WHEREAS, an estimate by the Congressional Research Service suggests that cannabis prohibition with a system of taxation and regulation could yield \$6.8 billion in federal excise taxes alone; and

WHEREAS, legalizing and taxing cannabis could significantly increase state and local revenue noting that the state of Colorado generate over \$300 million in 2017 from cannabis taxes and fees; and

WHEREAS, thirty states have legalized medicinal cannabis; and

WHEREAS, Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington have legalized adult personal use of cannabis and regulate the production, distribution, and sale of cannabis; and

WHEREAS, Vermont and the District of Colombia have legalized limited personal possession and cultivation of cannabis by adults; and

WHEREAS, neighbors of Wisconsin have either decriminalized possession, or will be doing so in the near future, including Minnesota, Michigan, and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the time law enforcement spends enforcing existing cannabis laws and ordinances negatively impacts the time available to solve more serious crimes and apprehend more dangerous criminals; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Legislature has failed to act on legislation to legalize and regulate cannabis and has not allowed hearings on such legislation; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute 59.52(25) allows for a county board to conduct a county-wide referendum for advisory purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors does resolve to conduct a county-wide advisory referendum, to be held with the November 2018 general election, to advise the State of Wisconsin as to the level of support within the Kenosha County population for allowing the use of marijuana for medical purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said advisory referendum read as follows:

Should the State of Wisconsin allow individuals with debilitating medical conditions to use and safely access marijuana for medical purposes, if those individuals have a written recommendation from a licensed Wisconsin physician?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Corporation Counsel's Office shall fulfill its statutory obligations with respect to drafting an explanation of the above referendum question and that the Clerk be directed to place said question and explanation on the November 6, 2018 ballot.

Respectfully submitted,

Supervisor Andy Berg

Approved by:

Legislative Committee:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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