

State of Misconsin 2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

March 20, 2023 - Introduced by Senators LEMAHIEU and KAPENGA, cosponsored by Representatives August and Vos. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Relating to: calling on the governor to call a special election to fill a vacancy in the Office of Secretary of State.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This joint resolution calls on the governor to call a special election to fill a vacancy in the Office of Secretary of State.

Whereas, Secretary of State Douglas J. La Follette resigned the Office of Secretary of State on March 17, 2023, thereby creating a vacancy; and

Whereas, the Office of Secretary of State is responsible for recording official acts of the executive branch, affixing the state's great seal to official documents, having custody of books and records of state government, maintaining and compiling enrolled laws and resolutions, and preserving and keeping deeds, conveyances, abstracts of title, and options and leases of land belonging to this state; and

Whereas, the voters of Wisconsin expect, deserve, and are entitled to select their state constitutional officers, including the secretary of state; now, therefore, be

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Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin State Legislature calls on Governor Tony Evers to exercise his powers under section 8.50 (4) (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes and call an immediate special election to fill the vacancy in the Office of Secretary of State.

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