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Constitutional Amendment to Elect Supreme Court Chief Justice Approved

Madison, WI-The legislature approved a constitutional amendment to allow state Supreme Court justices to elect their chief justice for a two-year term. Rep. Cody Horlacher (R-Mukwonago) not only voted to support this measure but also co-sponsored this bill and supported its passage out of the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

“Allowing the Supreme Court to elect its own Chief Justice makes common sense,” said Rep. Horlacher. “It is the same practice that 23 other states have. Additionally, lower courts within Wisconsin already subscribe to this practice to select the Chief of the Chiefs.”

In order to amend the state constitution, two subsequent legislatures must pass the same resolution and voters must approve the change in a statewide referendum.

“I look forward to this amendment going to the people of Wisconsin in a statewide referendum,” said Rep. Horlacher. “This constitutional amendment is a step in the right direction not only for the State Supreme Court but for the people of Wisconsin.”

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