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### **Senate Advances Double Dipping Bill in Bipartisan Vote**

**[Madison, WI]** Today, the Wisconsin Senate advanced an amended version of Senate Bill 707, a proposal which prohibits a legislator from concurrently holding office as county executive.

Senator Scott Fitzgerald, the lead Senate author of the bill, released the following statement:

“I believe that by voting for this proposal, members from both sides of the aisle can be proud to have stood against double dipping by elected officials. This bill is a common-sense and long overdue taxpayer protection, which will help to ensure that our state taxpayers will not have to foot the bill for a state legislator drawing on multiple public salaries totaling over \$150,000 annually.

Despite the talking points from opponents of this measure, this bill does not prevent any individual from running for office. It simply adds county executives to the list of elected officials who are already prohibited by Wisconsin’s constitution from serving simultaneously in the legislature, and in doing so prevents conflicts of interest and provides certainty to voters.”

Senate Amendment 1, approved today on the Senate floor, modified the bill to include a 60 day grace period in order to allow for a smoother transition for any individual segueing between a legislative position and a post as county executive. The amendment was drafted in response to testimony offered during public hearings on the bill.

The revised proposal, passed with a bipartisan vote, now goes before the Assembly for approval.

*Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) represent the 13<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which covers portions of Dodge, Jefferson, Waukesha, Washington, Dane, and Columbia counties.*

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