



AMENDED BY THE COUNTY BOARD

RESOLUTION # 18-6/10

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 6/18

BOARD ACTION

Adopted: [check]
For: 24
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 1
Vote Req:
Other Action:

HHS BOARD ACTION

Adopted: X
For: 4
Against: -
Abstain: -
Abs/Excd: 2

J&L COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted: X
For: 5
Against: -
Abstain: -
Abs/Excd: 2

LEGIS. COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted: X
For: 4
Against: -
Abstain: -
Abs/Excd: 3

RE: AGE OF JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin in the 1990s began to rewrite the Juvenile Code, Chapter 938 of WI Statutes, to reflect national policy focusing on accountability and public safety; and,

WHEREAS, a specific modification of the Juvenile Code in Wisconsin during the 1990s was changing the age of adult jurisdiction to 17 years of age from 18 years of age; and,

WHEREAS, current research indicates that in most cases juveniles are best served and the interests of the community are best protected from juvenile criminal behavior when the presumptive age for circuit court jurisdiction is age 18 years; and,

WHEREAS, if the age of adult jurisdiction is returned to 18, all 17-year-old offenders will once again become the responsibility of county human/social service departments; and,

WHEREAS, as state funding to counties for juvenile corrections (youth aids) is already insufficient, full support for a change in the age of juvenile court jurisdiction cannot occur unless full funding is provided to counties to offset the costs of serving 17-year-old delinquents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors indicates their support to change the age of adult jurisdiction back to 18 years of age based on current research in adolescent development and best practice; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this change in having 17 year olds back into the juvenile justice system only takes place provided counties in Wisconsin are fully funded by the state to provide the array of services needed should this population become the responsibility of the counties; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors recommends to the state a Legislative Fiscal Bureau study to determine the true costs to counties to implement this change in the Juvenile and Adult Criminal Codes and potential ways in which to fund the change; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be shared with the Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin County Human Services Association, and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

FISCAL NOTE: No fiscal impact on La Crosse County to request the study.

Date: June 8, 2010

Veiki Brundage
COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: June 7, 2010

W.A. Ceballos
COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 5.11.10

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Requested By: GERALD R. HUBER
Date Requested: 5/4/10
Drafted By: GERALD R. HUBER

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 17th Day of June, 2010

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, Deputy County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 17th day of June, 2010.

Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse Deputy County Clerk