

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-157

RESOLUTION BY THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 661 OR OTHER LEGISLATION TO REPEAL SECTION 79.07 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

WHEREAS, Section 79.07 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires that, beginning in 2010, each county and municipality spend for emergency services that are funded with county or municipal aids at least as much as it spent for those services in 2009, except for capital and one-time expenditures, or for reductions due to operational efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, Section 79.07 vests in the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) the authority to determine compliance with this requirement, including judging whether spending reductions are actually due to operational efficiencies and whether such reductions compromise services; and

WHEREAS, Section 79.07 further vests in DOR the authority to enforce this requirement by reducing county or municipal aid payments in amounts that it determines; and

WHEREAS, Section 79.07 deprives county and municipal elected officials of the power to make budgetary decisions in the best interests of their residents, while at the same time imposing on county and municipal governments burdensome reporting obligations; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 661 would repeal Section 79.07 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Racine County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its strong support for Assembly Bill 661 or any other legislation that would repeal Section 79.07 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the Racine County Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Racine County's state legislative delegation, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading _____

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
COMMITTEE**

2nd Reading _____

BOARD ACTION

Joseph F. Bellante, Jr., Chairman

Adopted _____

For _____

Against _____

Absent _____

Gilbert Bakke, Vice-Chairman

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

Gaynell Dyess, Secretary

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14 **The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of**
15 **Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:**

16 **Approved: _____**

17 **Vetoed: _____**

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19 **Date: _____,**

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22 **William L. McReynolds, County Executive**

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