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(ITEM) A resolution by Supervisors Rainey, Bowen, Johnson, Jr., and Broderick to develop a Voter Registration Program to allow Milwaukee County residents to register to vote at locations where they apply for, renew, or update information for the receipt of social services from Milwaukee County in order to expand access to voter registration for all citizens of Milwaukee County, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, this legislation will provide Milwaukee County residents with an accessible and convenient opportunity to register to vote for state and local elections and maintain their voter registration; and

WHEREAS, this Program requires that Milwaukee County provide forms and assistance for voter registration when a qualifying voter applies for or renews social services or updates address information related to those services; and

WHEREAS, this Program requires that Milwaukee County provide voter registration forms at its offices that provide public assistance and state-funded programming, such as Food Share, disability services, housing assistance, child support, and veteran services; and

WHEREAS, this Program requires that Milwaukee County provide each applicant for new social services or renewal of those services, as well as recipients who provide updated address information, with a voter registration or declination form and assistance in completion of the form as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, this Program also creates requirements for Milwaukee County to forward completed application forms to the appropriate local election officials and provide timely notification in conjunction with the Milwaukee County Election Commission to voter registration applicants regarding whether their applications are accepted or rejected; and

WHEREAS, this Program requires that Milwaukee County institute safeguards to ensure uniformity and non-discriminatory practices in its initiation and that its implementation occur at least 90 days before the next state or local election; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board supports the establishment of a Voter Registration Program to provide additional opportunities for its citizens to become registered to vote; and

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Program shall provide voter registration forms
44 and assistance to qualifying voters who are applying for or renewing social services
45 provided by Milwaukee County; and

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47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Program shall include an automated text
48 messaging feature where voters can receive text alerts prior to, and on, election days in
49 Milwaukee County; and

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51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of Corporation Counsel shall develop a
52 recommended ordinance and related procedures to formally implement the Program, to be
53 considered by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors as soon as practicable.

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