

1 By Supervisor Alexander  
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4 **A SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION**  
5 **(to File No. 13-397, Item #65 on the County Board Digest)**  
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7 to reform and define the roles and responsibilities of the Milwaukee County  
8 Board of Supervisors as the policy-making body and the administrative duties of  
9 the County Executive, as determined locally  
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11 WHEREAS, State Assembly Bill 85 (AB 85) and Senate Bill 95 (SB 95)  
12 propose a number of changes to the governance structure of Milwaukee County;  
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15 WHEREAS, on April 23, 2013, the Wisconsin Legislative Council  
16 published a comparative review of Assembly Bill 85 and proposed Milwaukee  
17 County Board resolution, File No. 13-397; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors recognizes that  
20 many residents object to any type of reform, and many other residents object to  
21 the status quo; and  
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23 WHEREAS, the citizens of Milwaukee County want to see a balance  
24 between necessary or inevitable changes to state law, and the opportunity for  
25 local control and valued public input; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is concerned  
28 with practical and productive policy-making and desires to work cooperatively  
29 with the state going forward, to support cooperative reform to be implemented at  
30 both the state and the county level; now, therefore,  
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32 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
33 requests that the Board Chairwoman convene a meeting of the Committee of the  
34 Whole, no later than May 31, 2013, so that all Supervisor suggestions for reform,  
35 including those initially proposed in the originally proposed resolution, File No.  
36 13-397, may be considered, vetted, and compared, and adopted into a  
37 comprehensive reform package, demonstrating to the people of Wisconsin that  
38 Milwaukee County is serious about reform and can reform itself, even if such  
39 reforms must be made compatible with the State Statutes, which hold higher  
40 jurisdiction; and  
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Intergovernmental Relations staff is  
43 authorized and directed to stop expressing Milwaukee County's opposition of AB  
44 85 & SB 95 in conformance with Chapter 1, Section 1.25(4) of Milwaukee County  
45 General Ordinances, and to begin instead seeking the following amendments to  
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- Striking of language that would change the term length of a County Supervisor from four years to two years, and the introduction of language extending that four-year term to the other 71 Counties in the State of Wisconsin.
- Altering the effect of the bill so that local control is better reflected, allowing measures related to the departmental budget (unless stricken) and compensation of the County Board may only take effect if the results of a referendum put to the people of Milwaukee County so indicate.
- Including a referendum question regarding dedicated sales tax funding for parks and transit to be included on the same ballot in Spring 2014, as questions about governance reform, and compensation.
- Removing the connection between tax levy and individual departmental budgets, which would produce the unintended effect of incentivizing raising taxes.
- Redefining proposed compensation limits for County Supervisors to equal 80% of the “median household income” of County residents, (currently \$34,717), and to allow the benefit of health insurance for the individual employee, while allowing dependent benefits only when the full cost is bore by the County Supervisor.
- Strike language allowing the Intergovernmental Cooperation Counsel (ICC) to hold a binding vote over intergovernmental contracts approved by Milwaukee County. Instead, require a non-binding advisory vote from the ICC.
- Clarify the meaning of and difference between “day-to-day management” of a department, and having regular contact with a department to achieve some policy or constituent-related goal.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, before Intergovernmental Relations staff may seek any additional amendments to AB 85 & SB 95, such propositions must be approved by the Milwaukee County Board Committee of the Whole; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon adoption of this resolution, the Milwaukee County Clerk is authorized and directed to send copies of this resolution to the Governor of Wisconsin, Milwaukee State Delegation and State Assembly and Senate members.