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(ITEM) A resolution by Supervisor Stamper II amending Chapter 1 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, Rules of the County Board of Supervisors, related to abstaining from voting, by recommending adoption of the following:

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION / ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, each County Board Supervisor represents approximately 53,000 constituents in their respective districts; and

WHEREAS, as a means to increase transparency and open governmental practices, it is reasonable and prudent that Supervisors who wish to abstain from a voice vote provide verbal rationale for abstaining to the public; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt the following ordinance amending Chapter 1, Section 1.04, of the General Ordinances of Milwaukee County, by adopting the following:

AN ORDINANCE

To amend Chapter 1 of the General Ordinances of Milwaukee County relating to the Rules of the County Board of Supervisors.

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1 of the General Ordinances of Milwaukee County is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 1 RULES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1.04. Voting.

(a)

Quorum. A majority of the supervisors entitled to a seat in the county board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All questions shall be determined by a majority of the supervisors present, unless otherwise provided by statute or this chapter.

(b)

Abstain from voting. No member shall abstain from voting on a question when put, except by specific notice of that supervisor. Any member wishing to abstain from voting ~~may~~ is expected to make a brief verbal statement of the reason for abstaining.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.