

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Sup. Kathy Schulz
INITIATED BY



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DRAFTED BY

County Board Staff Committee
SUBMITTED BY

February 12, 2020
DATE DRAFTED

SUPPORT LRB 3342/1 TO INCREASE STATE'S MINIMUM WAGE

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the current minimum wage in the State of Wisconsin is \$7.25 per hour; and
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- 3 **WHEREAS**, the rate was last increased in 2008 from \$6.50 per hour; and
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, the minimum wage calculates out to \$15,080 per year, based on a 40 hour work week; and
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, the national poverty annual income for a family of two is \$16,020; and
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- 9 **WHEREAS**, the State's minimum wage is 94% of the federal poverty level; and
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- 13 **WHEREAS**, a majority of states have wage floors higher than the federal minimum wage rate; and
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- 15 **WHEREAS**, 23 states in 2020 will see their minimum wage increase above the federal rate:
 - 16 A. Six states are a result of voter ballot initiatives, including Missouri;
 - 17 B. Seven states are a result of automatic inflation adjustments, including Minnesota, Ohio
 - 18 and South Dakota;
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- 20 **WHEREAS**, LRB 3342-1 has been introduced in the State Legislature that would:
 - 21 A. Increase the minimum wage over 5 years so that by year 5, the rate would be \$15 per hour,
 - 22 B. Upon reaching the \$15 per hour threshold, the rate would be indexed to the Consumer Price Index,
 - 23 C. Eliminates other lower minimum wage rates for tipped employees.
 - 24 D. Eliminates the requirement that the Department of Workforce Development promulgate rules for
 - 25 tipped employee category, and setting meal/lodging allowances.
 - 26 E. Eliminates lower minimum wage rates for other categories such as: minor employees, opportunity
 - 27 employees, agricultural employees, and provides DWD to establish minimum wage rates by rule.
 - 28 F. Allow local units of government to set minimum wage rates for their political boundaries.
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- 30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 31 this 13th day of August, 2019 does hereby support LRB 3342-1 that would in part, increase the
- 32 State's minimum wage, gradually increasing over a five-year period to \$15 per hour.
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- 34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to send a copy of this
- 35 resolution to Governor Evers, the Wisconsin Counties Association and the Rock County Legislative
- 36 Delegation.

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Kara Purviance
Kara Purviance, Chair

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FISCAL NOTE:

No effect on County expenditures in and by itself.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats.

/s/ Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of Policy.

/s/ Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator