

1 **WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

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3 Date of enactment: 2/9/10
4 Date of publication: 2/16/10

5 **VOTE**

6 **2009 RESOLUTION 67**

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8 **Opposition to Include Washington County in the Regional**
9 **Transit Authority for Southeastern Wisconsin**

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11 **WHEREAS**, the Governor and Legislators from Milwaukee, Kenosha and Racine
12 counties have proposed legislation that creates a Southeastern Regional Transit Authority
13 (SERTA) to improve bus and rail service in Milwaukee, Kenosha and Racine counties; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, the proposal, LRB-3451/8, authorizes the creation of a new type of
16 Regional Transit Authority known as an Interim Regional Transit Authority (IRTA), which is a
17 public body corporate and politic, which IRTA may be established by a municipality or county in
18 the counties of Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington, Racine, and Waukesha; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, the SERTA must assume responsibility for providing transit service and
21 transit planning within the jurisdiction covered by the IRTA, when defined revenue thresholds
22 are met; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, an IRTA may generate revenue by imposing a local motor vehicle
25 registration fee, levying a room tax of up to 8 percent, imposing a sales and use tax, or charging a
26 membership fee to the participating political subdivisions of the IRTA; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, Washington County has limited public transit services which do not include
29 a broad scope municipal bus system nor planned routes for commuter rail; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, Washington County has no potential for major property tax relief as is
32 anticipated in the legislation for the current counties with extensive public transit systems; and

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34 **WHEREAS**, Washington County supports the governance of our local transit services by
35 the County's elected Board of Supervisors;

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37 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of
38 Supervisors that it opposes including Washington County in this SERTA legislation.
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1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board insistently requests that the Legislature
2 removes all references to Washington County in any SERTA legislation.

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4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is instructed to send a copy of
5 this resolution to all Southeastern Counties in the State of Wisconsin, all Senators and
6 Representatives serving Washington County, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning
7 Commission and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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11 VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

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13 RESOLUTION SUMMARY: Resolution opposing the inclusion of Washington County in
14 regional transit authority legislation.

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16 APPROVED:

17 **(signed by Kimberly A. Nass)**

18 Kimberly A. Nass, County Attorney

19 Dated **2/11/10**

20 Considered **2/9/10**

21 Adopted **2/9/10**

22 Ayes **27** Noes **0** Absent **3**

23 Voice Vote _____

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25 (Advisory only.)

Introduced by members of the

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

as filed with the County Clerk.

(signed by Herbert J. Tennes)

Herbert J. Tennes, Chairperson