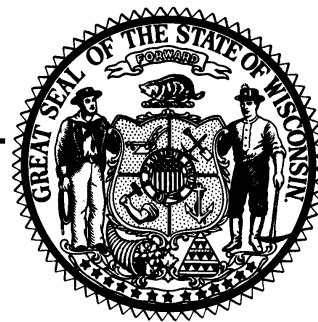


FRED A. RISSER

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Statement by Senator Fred Risser (D-Madison) regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to eliminate the Office of the Wisconsin Secretary of State:

Today, Senator Fred Risser (D-Madison) denied that he had publically commented on a bill to abolish the Secretary of State's office or that he was promoting legislation to do so.

"Doug LaFollette called me earlier today on another private matter," Risser said. "During the course of the conversation, we discussed the duties that had been taken away from the Secretary of State's office by the Republican-controlled legislature, making the office relatively inconsequential."

"To suggest that I am leading the movement to do away with the office is misleading and simply inaccurate," Risser concluded.

Last session, a similar proposal (2009 Senate Joint Resolution 26) was referred to Senator Risser's committee for consideration. That proposal was not reported out.

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