

March 26, 1996

The Honorable Irv Anderson
Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Honorable Allan H. Spear
President of the Senate

I have the honor to inform you that the following enrolled Acts of the 1996 Session of the State Legislature have been received from the Office of the Governor and are deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State for preservation, pursuant to the State Constitution, Article IV, Section 23:

S.F. No.	H.F. No.	Session Laws Chapter No.	Time and Date Approved 1996	Date Filed 1996
	2256	369	10:17 a.m. March 26	March 26
	2588	370	10:25 a.m. March 26	March 26
2874		371	10:30 a.m. March 26	March 26
1905		372	10:32 a.m. March 26	March 26
2260		373	10:38 a.m. March 26	March 26
2552		374	10:42 a.m. March 26	March 26
	2625	376	10:27 a.m. March 26	March 26
	2321	378	Approved w/o signature	March 25

Sincerely,
Joan Anderson Growe
Secretary of State

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The Honorable Allan H. Spear
President of the Senate

Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and I am returning Chapter 368, Senate File 2267, a bill that prohibits local governments from requiring employees to take a leave of absence when running for office.

Chapter 368 is similar to a bill I vetoed last year. While the authors have worked diligently to address the most objectionable portions of last year's bill, it is simply impossible to fix the fundamental problem embodied in the bill.

Simply put, the state should not unnecessarily interfere with decisions better left to locally elected officials.

As long as an employee can keep their job separate from their campaign, they should not be required to take a leave of absence to run for office. However, there are circumstances within an employment situation where having a coworker actively running for office could be very disruptive.

Locally elected officials should be able to keep the latitude they now have to establish policies suited to the local circumstances, and they should not be forced by the state to allow an employment situation to exist that does not serve the best interests of the local taxpayers.

If citizens are concerned about their local officials' imposition of a requirement to take leave before running for office, the citizens can work this out with their local officials.

Warmest regards,
Arne H. Carlson, Governor