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**KAREN WELSH**  
Deputy Treasurer

March 25, 1997

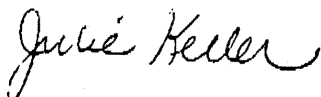
Dear Representative Ladwig,

It is of utmost importance that your attention be brought to Assembly Bill 156. I am asking your support for this Bill and stressing its importance to County Treasurers.

Not only will AB156 establish uniformity with the other Deputy positions such as Register of Deeds, Clerk of Courts, and County Clerks, but the language change will "require" the County Treasurer to appoint a Deputy and will "require" the Deputy to perform all the duties of the Treasurer.

Your consideration for support of AB156 will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Julie Keller  
Richland County Treasurer

SAWYER COUNTY  
Office of County Treasurer

NANCY L. (GOOLD) WOODBECK  
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March 25, 1997

To: Rep. Bonnie Ladwig

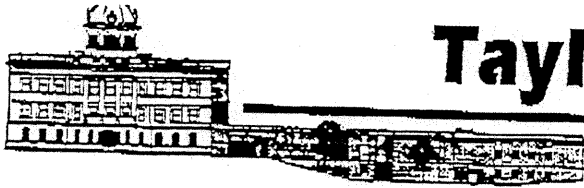
Re: Sponsor of AB156 - Hearing 3-26-97

Please sponsor the above bill for the Wisconsin County Treasurers. I am in complete favor of this bill and am asking for your support!

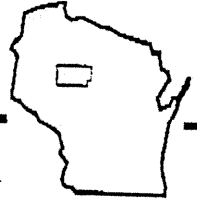
Sincerely,



Nancy Woodbeck  
County Treasurer



# Taylor County



## Treasurers Office

Mary Ann Kropp, *Treasurer*  
Debra Wiinamaki, *Deputy*

March 25, 1997

Representative Bonnie Ladwig  
P. O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Representative Ladwig:

Thank you for sponsoring AB156. I am sorry I cannot attend this hearing to be held on Wednesday, March 26, 1997. However, I urge your committee to pass AB156. County treasurers are elected county officials, the same as clerks, clerk of courts, and register of deeds. We need the same wording and consideration as the other offices to effectively cover our offices in the event of absence due to illness or accident.

Thank you again for sponsoring AB156.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Kropp  
Taylor County Treasurer  
Courthouse

Sandra Vold-Brudos  
County Treasurer

Konna Spaeth  
Deputy Treasurer

Judy Maule  
Clerk I

Office of  
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March 25, 1997

TO: Rep. Bonnie Ladwig

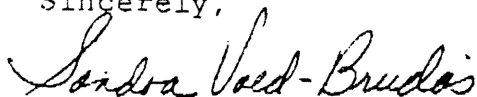
RE: AB156

I believe this legislation should be passed because it would create uniformity with the other constitutional officers.

I cannot be there to testify at the hearing, but I would hope you would convey my feeling about this issue. I see no reason for the position of Treasurer to be treated any differently than any other office.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Sandra Vold-Brudos  
Vernon County Treasurer

cc: Senator Brian Rude  
Rep. DuWayne Johnsrud



## Columbia County Treasurer

Deborah A. Raimer  
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March 25, 1997

The Honorable Bonnie Ladwig  
The State Assembly  
District #63

Dear Madam:

Although most of us are unable to attend the legislative hearing on March 26, at the Capitol in Madison, we, the following County Treasurers, would like to go on record in support of AB156, relating to the appointment of a deputy county treasurers:

**John Jensen, Jefferson County Treasurer (Chr. District 1-WCTA)**

**Deborah A. Raimer, Columbia County Treasurer**

**Kathleen Morris, Green Lake County Treasurer**

**Mavis Robertson, Green County Treasurer**

**Louise Ketterer, Grant County Treasurer**

**Spencer Benedict, Lafayette County Treasurer**

**Peggy Ross, Rock County Treasurer**

**Jan Filip, Sauk County Treasurer**

**Mary Oligney, Waushara County Treasurer**

**Diana Campbell, Marquette Treasurer**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,  
Deborah A. Raimer  
Columbia County Treasurer



## DANE COUNTY TREASURER

Room 114, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Madison, Wisconsin 53709  
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JAMES H. AMUNDSON  
TREASURER

LOIS MUELLER  
DEPUTY TREASURER

March 25, 1997

Members of Assembly  
Committee on Government Operations

RE: AB 156, County Treasurer's Deputy

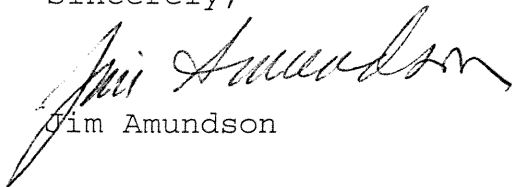
Dear Committee Member:

I am strongly opposed to AB 156 because it removes civil service protection from Deputy County Treasurers classified as "management". Under this bill, such deputies would serve "at the pleasure" of the County Treasurer, which means the County Treasurer can hire and fire at will, without cause. We don't need such regressive legislation in Wisconsin.

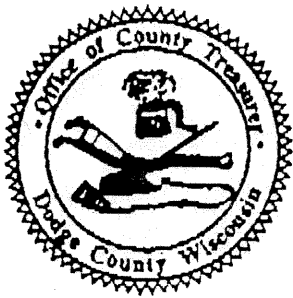
Most deputies have highly skilled jobs - banking, cash management, etc. They do not participate in the political agenda of their boss. We Treasurers don't need an "executive assistant". With the ten year hiring freeze in Dane County we wouldn't get one anyway.

Some Treasurers have argued that they need loyalty in their deputies. They won't get it by legislating it. Most of their problems, in individual counties, are County Execs and County Boards micro-managing departments and interfering in the hiring process. A better answer than AB 156 would be instituting a firm and fair system of hiring, evaluation and transfer options which would protect both the employee and department head.

Sincerely,



Jim Amundson



# Office of the Treasurer

## Dodge County

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**Karen E. Freber**  
County Treasurer

**Margaret A. Schwamm**  
Chief Deputy Treasurer

**Marlene K. Cigelske**  
Deputy Treasurer

**Judy J. Schouten**  
Deputy Treasurer

TO: Rep. Bonnie Ladwig  
 DATE: March 25, 1997  
 RE: "May" "Shall" AB156

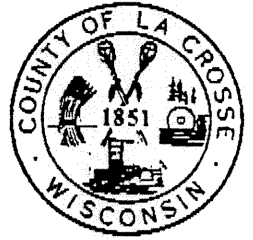
I feel the State Statutes should read shall appoint a Deputy the same as the Register of Deeds, County Clerk, and Clerk of Courts. I feel the State Statutes should become uniform in regard to appointing our Deputy.



DONNA HANSON  
County Treasurer

**LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

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March 25, 1997

To: Representative Bonnie Ladwig

RE: AB156

In concern with the reading of the appointment of the Deputy Treasurer I am for the may being replaced with "shall".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Donna Hanson'.

Donna Hanson  
County Treasurer

**PIERCE COUNTY WISCONSIN**  
**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY TREASURER**  
**ELLSWORTH, WI 54011**  
715-273-3531



Post-it* Fax Note	7671	Date	2-25-97	# of pages	1
To	Rep. Ladwig	From	P. Leland Skog		
Co. Dept.		Co.	Pierce Co. Treas.		
Phone #		Phone #	1-915-273-3531	#428	
Fax #	1-608-264-2844	Fax #	1-915-273-6361		

March 25, 1997

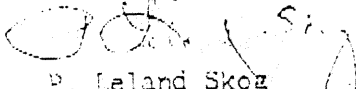
Representative Bonnie Ladwig

Re: Assembly Bill 156

I am writing to express my feelings and experience with the issue involved in AB156. I recently had a deputy leave and in the process of replacing the deputy I did not have one word to say about the qualifications or the work experience of the person that was to be my new deputy. This is wrong. I should have had the right to choose a person with the needed qualifications.

I would ask you and urge you to support "shall appoint" the deputy treasurer's position.

Sincerely

  
P. Leland Skog  
Pierce County Treasurer

COUNTY OF

RACINE



RACINE COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
1931

COUNTY TREASURER  
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March 26, 1997

The Honorable Representative Bonnie Ladwig

I am testifying on behalf of the Wisconsin County Treasurers' Association. I am the Legislative Chairperson of the Association.

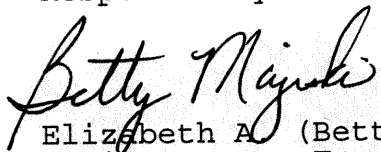
I want to express my endorsement and the Association's endorsement of AB156.

By passing AB156 the County Treasurers will have the complete authority to hire and/or fire their deputy. To me, the most important aspect of this bill is that I will have full authority to hire and/or fire the person who takes my place when I am not in the office. The deputy will sign legal documents, handle money transactions, i.e., banking, manage the other employees in the office, and take care of any investment matters that may come forth. The deputy could, and has in the past, appeared in court in my place. This deputy may also be working with auditors in the event I am absent. Racine County is currently putting in a completely new tax and treasurer's receipting software. My deputy will be very involved in this project in order to be able, if need be, to make a decision in my absence. For all these situations and many more I must have someone who I have complete trust and faith in. The taxpayers expect and deserve to have the offices of the county run efficiently and successfully. The treasurers pay the price, good or bad, for whatever these deputies may do. At the present time, I nor any other treasurer, have the complete authority to hire this person. That's a gross misbalance.

Passage of this bill would make the appointments of deputies uniform in the Constitutional Elected County Offices of Register of Deeds, County Clerk, Treasurer, and Clerk of Courts.

For these two very significant reasons I strongly urge you to continue working for passage of this bill. I appreciate all your work on behalf of this issue.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth A (Betty) Majeski  
Racine County Treasurer

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.  
**Assembly Bill 156**  
 Amendment No. if Applicable

FISCAL ESTIMATE  
 DOA-2048 N(R10/94)

- ORIGINAL       UPDATED  
 CORRECTED       SUPPLEMENTAL

Subject  
 County Treasurer's Appointment of a Deputy Treasurer

**Fiscal Effect**

State:  No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

- Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget     Yes     No  
 Decrease Costs

- Increase Existing Appropriation       Increase Existing Revenues  
 Decrease Existing Appropriation       Decrease Existing Revenues  
 Create New Appropriation

LOCAL:  No local government costs

- |  |  |   |
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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs<br><input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory<br>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs<br><input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenues<br><input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory<br>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenues<br><input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory | 5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Villages <input type="checkbox"/> Cities<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts |
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**Fund Sources Affected**

- GPR    FED    PRO    PRS    SEG    SEG-S

**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Under current law, county treasurers, register of deeds, clerk of courts and county clerk are either required, or may, appoint deputies. Those deputies may, or may not, be required to perform the duties of the appointing authority in their absence. The breakdown on this information is:

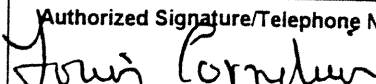
<u>Position</u>	<u>Required to Appoint Deputy</u>	<u>Deputy Required To Perform Duties</u>	<u>Serves at Pleasure of Appointing Authority</u>
County Treasurer	"May" appoint	"May" Perform	Yes
Register of Deeds	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clerk of Courts	Yes	"May" Perform	Yes
County Clerk	Yes	Yes	Yes

This bill requires a county treasurer to appoint a deputy, who serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority, and who is required to perform the treasurer duties in the absence of the treasurer.

This bill may increase costs for counties. The increase in costs would occur in counties that do not currently have deputy treasurers. The salaries for the deputy treasurers are likely to vary and it is not known how many new deputies would have to be hired. Therefore, the fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminable.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

Agency/Prepared by: (Name & Phone No.)  
 Commerce/Louis Cornelius, 266-8629

Authorized Signature/Telephone No.  
 266-8629

Date  
 March 14, 1997

**FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET**

**1997 Session**

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect  
DOA-2047 (R.10/94)

ORIGINAL     UPDATED  
 CORRECTED     SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.  
Assembly Bill 156

Amendment No.

Subject  
County Treasurer's Appointment of a Deputy Treasurer

**I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):**

<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>	<b>Annualized Fiscal impact on State funds from:</b>	
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>	<b>Increased Costs</b>	<b>Decreased Costs</b>
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$ -
(FTE Position Changes)	( FTE)	(- FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs		-
Local Assistance		-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		-
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>	<b>Increased Costs</b>	<b>Decreased Costs</b>
GPR	\$	\$ -
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
<b>III. State Revenues -</b>	<b>Increased Rev.</b>	<b>Decreased Rev.</b>
Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)		
GPR Taxes	\$	\$ -
GPR Earned		-
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>		
	<u>STATE</u>	<u>LOCAL</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$ _____	\$ See Text of Note
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES	\$ _____	\$ _____