

State of Misconsin 1997 - 1998 LEGISLATURE

1997 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 45

March 19, 1998 – Introduced by Senator BURKE, cosponsored by Representative BOCK. Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations.

1	Relating to: requesting Congress to consider a constitutional amendment for
2	environmental rights.
3	Whereas, the health of the people of Wisconsin and their right to enjoy clean air
4	and water is threatened by pollution of the environment; and
5	Whereas, we are the custodians of the health of our children and of future
6	generations, and must safeguard their ability to breathe clean air, drink healthful
7	water and avoid poisons; and
8	Whereas, a constitutional remedy to protect our environmental rights is
9	warranted; while the American people have rightly been reluctant to amend the
10	constitution except for the most compelling reasons, the commitment to the public
11	health and environmental security of our citizens and of future generations is so
12	important, and so deeply a part of American tradition and values, that it requires
13	constitutional protection; now, therefore, be it

1	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the
2	Wisconsin legislature request the Congress of the United States to consider the
3	adoption of the following amendment to the U.S. Constitution:
4	The natural resources of the nation are the heritage of present
5	and future generations. The rights of each person to clean and
6	healthful air and water, and to the protection of the other
7	natural resources of the nation, shall not be infringed upon by
8	any person; and, be it further
9	Resolved, That copies of this joint resolution be sent by the senate chief clerk
10	to the members of this state's congressional delegation, the clerk of the U.S. house
11	of representatives and the secretary of the U.S. senate.
12	(END)