



WISCONSIN FAMILY COUNCIL

2015 Spring General Election Information

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 - Polls open 7 a.m.-8 p.m. statewide

Visit myvote.wi.gov for more information, to find your polling place and to see your sample ballot. Or call WFC at 888-378-7395.

STATEWIDE REFERENDUM

All voters will have a referendum on their ballot. Following is the exact wording of the question, from the Government Accountability Board's website:

Question 1: "Election of chief justice. Shall section 4 (2) of article VII of the constitution be amended to direct that a chief justice of the supreme court shall be elected for a two-year term by a majority of the justices then serving on the court?"

Explanation of a "yes" vote and a "no" vote

The Wisconsin constitution currently provides that the chief justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court is the justice who has served the longest. The proposed constitutional amendment would instead select the chief justice through an election by a majority of the justices then serving on the Court.

A **"yes" vote** on this question would mean that the Wisconsin constitution will be changed so that the chief justice will be elected for a two-year term by a majority of the justices then serving on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. The justice who is elected may decline to serve as chief justice or resign the position, but still continue to serve as a justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

A **"no" vote** would mean the selection process remains as it has been. The longest-serving member of the Wisconsin Supreme Court serves as chief justice of the Court. The justice designated as chief justice may decline to serve as chief justice or resign the position, but still continue to serve as a justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

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2015 State Supreme Court Candidate Information



Candidate Name	Ann Walsh Bradley www.bradleyforjustice.com	James Daley www.daleyforwisconsin.net
Current Position	Justice on the Wisconsin State Supreme Court	Rock County Circuit Court Judge
Judicial Philosophy	"My judicial philosophy is one of judicial restraint...a philosophy that's built on the importance of precedent. I believe...courts have to be institutions of predictability and stability...You don't want courts that change the law just because you have a different personnel [sic] on the court...I don't think the courts are to acquiesce to anyone; we have to stand up for the people of the state and stand up for the constitution." http://starjournalnow.com/Content/Mobile-Home/Mobile/Article/An-interview-with-Justice-Bradley/-5/-5/9404	"I have a proven record of deciding cases on facts and precedent and using the constitution as a guide." http://www.wausaudailyherald.com/story/news/local/2015/01/06/bradley-wisconsin-supreme-court-crossroads/21334241/ "I believe that the rule of law must be above personal beliefs, individual agendas or partisan politics..." http://www.jsonline.com/blogs/news/294573741.html
Legal Experience	- Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice, 1995 to present (See websites for complete listing of experience and associations.) - Marathon County Circuit Court judge, 1985-1995 - Private law practice in Wausau prior to 1985	- Rock County Circuit Court judge, 1989 to present; presiding judge since 1998 - Chief Judge of WI's 5th Judicial Circuit (August 2013) - 3 terms as Rock County District Attorney
Position on Proposed Constitutional Amendment to change how Chief Justice of WI Supreme Court is selected	"... This constitutional amendment is targeted at chief justice Shirley Abrahams. And our constitution...is a sacred document. This isn't what constitutional amendments are for, to target a person, that's so shortsighted." http://starjournalnow.com/Content/Default/Homepage-Rotating-Articles/Article/An-interview-with-Justice-Bradley/-3/29/9404	"It is the personal opinion of Judge Daley that the state Supreme Court justices should have the right to choose the chief justice, but he believes the voters must make that decision," his spokesman Brit Schiel said. http://wislawjournal.com/2015/01/08/supreme-court-candidate-has-no-opinion-on-retirement-age/

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