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3 **RESOLUTION:** Create Rule 18.8 of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to permit a Standing
4 **Committee or Citizen Involved Commission, Board, or Committee to vote remotely on a**
5 **limited basis except for any meeting involving the Winnebago County Board of**
6 **Supervisors (e.g., Organizational, Business, Budget, Special Orders)**

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8 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

9 **WHEREAS**, Resolution 81-062022 amended Rules 11.6 and 9.15 of the Winnebago County Board of
10 Supervisors to require the physical presence of Winnebago County Board Supervisors in the officially designated
11 County Board/Committee Meeting physical space to cast votes; and

12 **WHEREAS**, some supervisors have expressed concern over the amended rules as they pertain to
13 committee, commission, and board meetings (other than the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors meetings) and
14 other supervisors expressed concern over the proper management of meeting and vote taking in a mixed remote
15 environment; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Rule 18.8 is hereby put forth as a new rule to address any concern created by amended rules
17 11.6 and 9.15; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Robert’s Rules of Order, 12th Edition, §9:30 and Appendices provides updated guidance for
19 proper management of meetings in a remote environment; and

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it creates Rule
21 18.8 of the Winnebago County Rule to read as follows:

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23 Any non-presiding member of a Standing Committee or Citizen Involved Commission, Board, or Committee under
24 the jurisdiction of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, as recorded in the official County Directory, may
25 exercise remote voting privileges on any action of their committee, commission, or board provided that all conditions
26 are met:

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- 28 (1) Initiated by the Chair of the Committee, Commission, or Board.
- 29 (2) Confirmed, unanimously, by the entire committee, commission, or board membership.
- 30 (3) Any amendment motion given by a remote member shall be provided in writing to the Chair prior to a vote. Any
31 amendment provided by a remote member shall be re-stated by the Chair prior to a vote.
- 32 (4) All votes shall be a roll call, a recorded vote.
- 33 (5) There is no significant increase in operational costs to accommodate the remote voting option.

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35 *The right of the Chair.*

36 The Chair reserves the exclusive right to suspend, without commission, board, or committee vote, remote voting
37 privileges for a specific meeting if deemed by the Chair proper for the management of that meeting.

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39 *The right of the membership.*

40 Any member of the Standing Committee or Citizen Involved Commission, Board, or Committee may initiate action to
41 rescind the decision of remote vote privileges for future meetings.

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43 The option for a member of a Standing Committee or Citizen Involved Commission, Board, or Committee for remote
44 vote privileges stays in effect for the remainder of the term of the current presiding Chair.

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46 Fiscal Note:

47 Respectfully submitted by:
48 **JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

49 Committee Vote: _____

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51 Vote Required for Passage: **Two-Thirds of Members of Present**

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53 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this _____ day of _____, 2022.

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56 Jonathan D. Doemel
57 Winnebago County Executive

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