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Re: Petition 12-07, relating to the Supreme Court Finance Committee

Dear Justices of the Wisconsin Supreme Court:

On behalf of the Committee of Chief Judges, thank you for the opportunity to comment on Petition 12-07.

Proposed SCR 70.16 provides that one Finance Committee member shall be the chief of the chief judges of the circuit court judges. I am requesting that the proposal be modified to allow the chief of the committee of chief judges to appoint a designee.

The chief of the committee of chief judges is a one-year position, with election of a new chief each August. Traditionally the chief is the most senior member of the committee and often in the last year of being a chief judge. Review of the court system budget runs on a two-year cycle from April to April of even-numbered years. To provide the needed continuity, I am requesting that the chief of the committee of chief judges be able to designate the chief judge best able to participate for the full budget cycle.

As amended, proposed SCR 70.16 might then read:

The supreme court finance committee is a standing committee of the supreme court. The supreme court finance committee is comprised of the chief justice, two additional justices elected by members of the supreme court, the chief judge of the court of appeals and the chief of the chief judges of the circuit court judges or his or her designee.

Thank you for your consideration of this suggestion. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W.D. Dyke'.

William D. Dyke
Chief Judge of the Seventh Judicial District
Chief of the Committee of Chief Judges