



## Legislation Text

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### **Fiscal Note**

No appropriation is required.

### **Title**

Declaring September 10 - October 10, 2008, as Voter Registration Month in the City of Madison.

### **Body**

WHEREAS, the right to vote in fair, accessible, and open elections is one of our most fundamental rights; and

WHEREAS, voter registration is a crucial part of our electoral process; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk's Office has processed over 30,000 voter registrations in 2008; and

WHEREAS, up to 40,000 additional Madison residents will need to register or update their registration before voting in the November 4 General Election; and

WHEREAS, the names of voters registered by October 15 will appear on the poll list, reducing long lines at the polls; and

WHEREAS, Madison residents can quickly register to vote at the City Clerk's Office, any Madison Public Library, or any Madison Fire Station; and

WHEREAS, nearly 600 individuals have been deputized to register voters in the City of Madison; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison can save taxpayer dollars by processing voter registrations before the Statewide Voter Registration System becomes overwhelmed with statewide usage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison Common Council declares September 10 - October 10, 2008, as VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH in the City of Madison; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that eligible voters who have moved within the City of Madison be encouraged to register to vote during that time, and then exercise their right to vote at the November 4 General Election.