



Feyen statement regarding Fitzgerald's County Executive bill

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"I had no idea Senator Scott Fitzgerald was working on this legislation," Feyen said. "None whatsoever! However, since Senator Fitzgerald has brought it to the forefront, it is an issue voters should take a hard look at. It is fair to point out that Winnebago County Executive Mark Harris is refusing to say if he'll resign his full time \$102,834 a year county executive position while at the same time serving as a full-time \$50,000 per year State Senator," Feyen added.

As reported by Madison.com, Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald introduced a bill Monday that would bar county executives from serving simultaneously in the Legislature, a move that could force a Democrat to decide between his lucrative executive position and a Senate seat.

Third-term Winnebago County Executive Mark Harris is running for Sen. Rick Gudex's seat in the 18th Senate District. Gudex, a Fond du Lac Republican, announced in November he wouldn't seek re-election, saying he got a job offer in the private sector.

If Fitzgerald's bill passes and Harris wins the Senate seat, Harris would have to quit his \$102,834-per-year job as county executive. He would make \$50,950 plus an \$88 per diem for each day spent in Madison as a senator.

"I haven't had much time to consider Senator Fitzgerald's bill" Feyen said, "That said I have been talking to constituents throughout the district and everyone I speak with agrees that doing the job of a state senator, while staying on as Winnebago's County Executive, is doing a major disservice to the good people of Winnebago County and the entire 18th senate district." Feyen said. "It sure looks like Mr. Harris wants to 'double dip' and pad his state pension."

Feyen, 47, lives in Fond du Lac with his wife Lori. A blue collar printer, Feyen was elected Chairman of the Republican Party of Fond du Lac County in 2007. The Feyen's have two children, a son who attends UW-Madison and a daughter who attends Fond du Lac High School.

Feyen announced his candidacy for the 18th Senate District on November 30th, just minutes after Senator Rick Gudex announced he would not seek reelection.



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