

Wisconsin Coalition to Save Civil Service: Birthday Party for Wisconsin Civil Service

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The Wisconsin Coalition to Save Civil Service will hold a birthday party for the Wisconsin Civil Service system on June 16, 2022 at 5:00 pm outside the Wisconsin Capitol Building on the State Street steps in Madison. Matthew Rothschild of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign will give remarks. Event Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/545463223739446?ref=newsfeed>

Civil Service is a system, outlined in Wisconsin Statute, with procedures for state employment such as hiring, promoting, disciplining and terminating employees based on an objective assessment of their qualifications and clear, standardized criteria. Civil Service is recognized as promoting clean government and preventing partisan influence, cronyism, corruption, patronage and nepotism in public agencies.

Turnover among state employees has doubled since 2011. Also, Wisconsin's Act 150 – put into effect on July 1, 2016 – made historic reductions in Wisconsin's Civil Service system.

Wisconsin Governor Bob La Follette signed one of the nation's first state Civil Service bills into law in 1905.