



WISCONSIN STATE SENATE

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TO: ALL SENATORS

FROM: Senator Devin LeMahieu
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DATE: December 29, 2020

SUBJECT: Inauguration Day

Inauguration Day for the 2021-21 Legislative Biennium is Monday, January 4, 2021, pursuant to s. 13.02(1). Due to the health concerns over COVID-19, there will be no Senate reception this year.

Individual oaths of office will be conducted in the Senate Chamber between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Chief Justice Patience Roggensack and Justice Rebecca Bradley will be administering the oaths of office and you will have a short time for photos with your family in the Chamber. Please arrive in Room 201 SE 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time. You and your guests will then be escorted to the Chamber at the appropriate time. Your official certificate of election, along with a pen to use to sign the oath book will be placed upon your assigned desk in the Senate Chamber. You may keep the pen. First-time newly elected Senators will also receive their Senate lapel pin. Please pick up those items upon your entrance to the Chamber to be used for your individual swearing in.

The Senate Inauguration Session will begin at 2 p.m. in the Senate Chamber. The certification of election from the Election Commission will be read. The sixteen members representing the even-numbered districts will be introduced by their respective leaders. Since all members will have already been sworn in, the roll call will be conducted and Senate Resolution 1, setting forth the Senate officers for the 2021-2022 Session, will be considered. Upon adoption of Senate Resolution 1, the Senate officers will be administered the oath of office by Justice Rebecca Bradley. The Senate will also consider Senate Joint Resolution 1, establishing the session calendar for the 2021-22 Legislative Session.

There will be no guest seating on the floor of the Senate Chamber, and seating in the Senate Gallery will require a ticket and is being coordinated by Senate Sergeant at Arms Ted Blazel. Tickets will be issued directly to the offices. Limited number of seats will be reserved to accommodate guests of each Senator-elect, as well as those of continuing Senators. The Inauguration Ceremony will be transmitted live on WisconsinEye.

There will be no reception held in the Senate Parlor immediately upon adjournment. The Senate photographer will be available in the Senate Chamber to accommodate candid photographs of Senators, their family and guests.

The Assembly Inauguration Ceremony will also be taking place at 2 p.m. in the Assembly Chamber.

If you wish to have your Inauguration Day guests, whether they attended or not, listed in the Senate Journal, please email your information to Erin Gillitzer, Senate Records and Journal Clerk, at Erin.Gillitzer@legis.wi.gov.

If you have any questions regarding Inauguration Day proceedings, please contact Erin Karow in Senator LeMahieu's office at 266-2056, JJ Sherman in Senator Kapenga's office at 266-9174, Joey Hoey in Senator Bewley's office at 266-3510, or Assistant Senate Chief Clerk Michael Queensland at 266-2517.

Thank you.