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Senate leader steps down early to comply with law that requires lawmakers and other public officials to resign their seat if a potential employment opportunity could present a conflict of interest.

MADISON, WI – This morning, Sen. Jennifer Shilling (D-La Crosse) submitted a letter of resignation to Senate President Roger Roth indicating her intention to resign from her position as State Senator at the end of the day (May 15, 2020) in order to explore career opportunities. Current state law requires lawmakers and other public officials to resign their seat early if a potential employment opportunity could present a conflict of interest with state government activities.

“While I wish I could finish out my term and continue representing the residents and communities in the 32nd Senate District, I understand the clear boundaries set by state law that will require me to vacate my position in the State Senate earlier than anticipated. It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve the residents of western Wisconsin both as a Senator for the 32nd Senate District and previously as a Representative for the 95th Assembly District.

“The Driftless Region is full of the kindest, most caring and hardest working people you’ll ever meet. I’m humbled by the fact that residents in western Wisconsin have repeatedly put their faith in me to be their voice and advocate for our shared values. I will never forget the people I’ve met and the relationships I’ve developed over the years.”

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“After almost 20 years in the Legislature, the time is right for me to close this chapter and take on new challenges. To everyone I’ve had the pleasure of working alongside, interacting with, and learning from, thank you from a very full and grateful heart!”

Legislative staff will continue to serve residents of the 32nd Senate District through the end of the year. Individuals who have legislative questions or who need assistance accessing state services can contact Sen.District32@legis.wisconsin.gov or call 608-266-5490.