



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2009 Wisconsin Act 18**  
[2009 Senate Bill 49]

**Vacant Civil Service Positions in  
the City of Milwaukee**

*Current law* requires that a first class city (currently, only the City of Milwaukee) have a board of city service commissioners. The board must oversee the civil service examinations given by the city and keep a list of eligible candidates for civil service positions in the city.

If an appointing officer chooses not to fill a vacant civil service position by reinstatement, promotion, or reduction, the board must certify to the appointing officer from the list of eligible candidates the three persons ranked highest on the list, in accordance with requirements established by the board. For a vacant managerial, supervisory, or confidential position, the board must certify the five persons ranked highest on the list, or, if the list contains more than 50 eligible candidates, the top 10% ranked highest on the list, up to a maximum of 10 candidates.

In addition, the board must certify to the appointing officer up to three veterans or veterans' spouses, or up to five veterans or veterans' spouses for a vacant managerial, supervisory, or confidential position, whose grade, plus veterans preference points, is equal to or higher than the lowest grade on the list of eligible candidates.

*2009 Wisconsin Act 18* provides that for vacancies in all civil service positions, the board must certify to the appointing officer *any number* of eligible candidates ranked highest on the list, in accordance with rules established by the board. In addition, all persons on the list who have the same test score must be included on the same certification.

**Effective Date:** The Act takes effect on June 13, 2009.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.