



## 2011 SENATE BILL 77

April 27, 2011 - Introduced by Senators LEIBHAM, HOLPERIN and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives KESTELL, BERNIER, BROOKS, ENDSLEY and A. OTT. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 15.347 (16) of the statutes; **relating to:** membership on the  
2     State Trails Council.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the State Trails Council (council) advises the Department of Natural Resources regarding the planning, acquisition, development, and management of state trails. The council consists of nine members, appointed by the governor for four-year terms, who are knowledgeable in various recreational uses of trails.

This bill expands the membership of the council from nine to eleven members. It also changes the requirements for membership. The bill requires members to be both knowledgeable in and to have participated in one or more of the various recreational uses of trails.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

3     **SECTION 1.** 15.347 (16) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4     15.347 **(16)** STATE TRAILS COUNCIL. There is created in the department of natural  
5     resources a state trails council consisting of ~~9~~ 11 members, appointed for 4-year

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1 terms, who are knowledgeable in, and who engage in one or more of, the various  
2 recreational uses of trails.

3 **SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4 (1) INITIAL TERMS. Notwithstanding the length of terms specified for the  
5 members of the state trails council under section 15.347 (16) of the statutes, as  
6 affected by this act, the terms of the initial members of the expanded membership  
7 shall expire on July 1, 2016.

8 (END)