



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2019 Senate Bill 108

**Senate Substitute
Amendment 1**

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2019 SENATE BILL 108

Senate Bill 108 makes formatting changes to statutes regarding the filling of vacancies in city and village elected offices and expressly allows a city or village office to remain vacant until an election is held. The bill reorganizes existing statutory provisions, but generally maintains current law specifying when a special election to fill a vacancy in a city or village office may be held. For example, under current law and Senate Bill 108, if a vacancy in the office of alderperson in a 2nd, 3rd, or 4th class city happens no later than December 1 preceding the spring election, the city must hold the special election concurrently with the spring election.

SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 provides that a vacancy in a city or village office may be: (a) filled by appointment for the rest of the unexpired term; (b) filled by appointment until a special election is held, as ordered by the city council or village board; or (c) may remain vacant until an election is held. The substitute amendment deletes current law specifying particular timelines for holding a special election for city or village office.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Stroebel on June 5, 2019. The Senate Committee on Elections, Ethics, and Rural Issues adopted Senate Substitute Amendment 1 on June 17, 2019, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0. The committee then voted for passage of Senate Bill 108, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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