



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Senate Bill 476

Senate Amendment 1

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Under current law, a town authorized to exercise village powers with a population of less than 2,500 may create a town plan commission that has five members, including at least one citizen member who is not a town official, all of whom must be appointed by the town board chairperson.

Senate Bill 476 makes these appointments subject to confirmation by the town board and provides that the appointees to the town plan commission may be removed only by a majority vote of the town board. In addition, Senate Bill 476 makes the above-described provisions also applicable to towns authorized to exercise village powers with a population equal to or greater than 2,500; except that for towns with a population equal to or greater than 2,500:

- There would be seven members for the town plan commission, of which at least three must be citizen members who are not town officials.
- Appointments must be made by the town board chairperson during the month of April for terms that expire in April or at any other time if a vacancy occurs.

Senate Amendment 1 has the effect of changing the previous bullet by inserting the following language in italics, and makes the provision applicable to all towns authorized to exercise village powers: “Appointments must be made by the town board chairperson during the month of April for terms that expire in April, *or during the month of May for terms that expire in May*, or at any other time if a vacancy occurs.”

Legislative History

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Grothman. On March 1, 2006, the Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1, and passage of Senate Bill 476 as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 5; Notes, 0.

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