



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2011 Assembly Bill 158	Assembly Amendments 1 and 2
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Current law establishes that the conservation congress is an independent organization of citizens of the state that serves in an advisory capacity to the Natural Resources Board (board) on all matters under the jurisdiction of the board.

Under *Assembly Bill 158*, the board may not accept the results of a vote on an advisory question taken during any spring county meeting of the conservation congress if persons who were not Wisconsin residents were allowed to vote at that county meeting on the advisory question or to vote for delegates to the conservation congress.

Assembly Amendment 1 provides that the board may not consider any vote cast on an advisory question taken during any spring county meeting of the conservation congress if the person casting the vote was not a Wisconsin resident when that vote was cast.

Assembly Amendment 2 specifies that the board may not consider any vote cast on an advisory question taken during any spring county meeting of the conservation congress if persons who were not qualified to vote were allowed to vote under the bill.

Assembly Amendment 2 also adds a provision which specifies that for purposes of this restriction, a person is qualified to vote at a spring county meeting of the conservation congress if the person is a qualified elector of Wisconsin or if the person is at least 10 years old and meets all of the other requirements to be a qualified elector, except for age.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Molepske, Jr. on October 12, 2011. On October 13, 2011, the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources recommended adoption of Assembly

Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 16; Noes, 0, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes 3.

Assembly Amendment 2 was offered by Representatives Mason and Mursau on October 25, 2011. On the same date, the Assembly adopted both Assembly Amendments 1 and 2 by voice votes, and passed the bill, as amended, by a voice vote.

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