



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 436

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 20.923 (1) and (2) (a) and (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** the
2 salary-setting procedure for members of the legislature.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, the salaries of state senators and representatives to the assembly are fixed upon recommendation of the secretary of employment relations and approval of the joint committee on employment relations (JCOER) in the same manner that salaries for nonrepresented employes in the state classified service are established. The salaries are fixed without reference to any salary range.

Under this bill, any proposal to adjust the salaries of state senators or representatives to the assembly, upon approval by JCOER, must be submitted by JCOER to the legislature in the form of a bill. If the legislature enacts the bill without change, the adjustment takes effect. If the legislature does not enact the bill, the adjustment does not take effect unless JCOER submits another bill and that bill is enacted without change.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 20.923 (1) and (2) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:
4 20.923 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF EXECUTIVE SALARY GROUPS. To this end, a
5 compensation plan consisting of 10 executive salary groups is established in
6 schedule one of the state compensation plan for the classified service from ranges 18
7 through 27. No salary range established above salary range 23 may be utilized in
8 the establishment and compensation of positions in the classified service without

1 specific approval of the joint committee on employment relations. The dollar value
2 of the salary range minimum and maximum for each executive salary group shall be
3 reviewed and established in the same manner as that provided for positions in the
4 classified service under s. 230.12 (3), except that adjustments of salaries for the
5 positions of state senator and representative to the assembly shall in addition be
6 prepared in bill form by the joint committee on employment relations and submitted
7 to a vote of the legislature, and shall not take effect until the bill is enacted without
8 change. If the bill is not enacted without change, no adjustment may take effect
9 unless the joint committee on employment relations submits a subsequent bill and
10 that bill is enacted without change. Any such bill shall be put on the calendar and
11 is not subject to ss. 13.093 (1), 13.50 (6) (a), (am) and (b) and 16.47 (2). The
12 salary-setting authority of individual boards, commissions, elective and appointive
13 officials elsewhere provided by law is subject to and limited by this section, and the
14 salary rate for these positions upon appointment and subsequent thereto shall be set
15 by the appointing authority pursuant to this section, except as otherwise required
16 by article IV, section 26, of the constitution.

17 (2) (a) The annual salary for each elected state official position shall be set at
18 the dollar value for the point of the assigned salary range for its respective executive
19 salary group specified in this subsection in effect at the time of taking the oath of
20 office, except as provided in par. (b) and s. 978.12 (1) (a). No adjustment to the salary
21 of an official enumerated in this subsection is effective until it is authorized under
22 article IV, section 26, of the constitution and until it is approved under sub. (1).

23 (b) The annual salary of each state senator, representative to the assembly,
24 justice of the supreme court, court of appeals judge and circuit judge shall be
25 reviewed and established in the same manner as provided for positions in the

