



## 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 426

June 1, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives HANDRICK, BRANDEMUEHL, DUFF, GOETSCH, LADWIG, F. LASEE, MUSSER, OWENS, SERATTI and ZUKOWSKI, cosponsored by Senators BUETTNER, COWLES, DARLING, A. LASEE, SCHULTZ and ZIEN. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 251.03 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** the composition of local  
2 boards of health.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

A local board of health is the policy-making body for a local health department. Under current law, with certain exceptions, a local board of health must consist of not more than 9 members, at least 3 of whom are not elected officials or employees of the governing body that establishes the local health department and who have demonstrated an interest or competence in the field of public health or community health. Currently, in appointing these members, a good faith effort must be made to appoint a registered nurse and a physician. Current law also requires that the members of a local board of health reflect the diversity of the community.

This bill removes the requirement that a local board of health include at least 3 members who are not elected officials or employees of the governing body that establishes the local health department. Under the bill, the governing body that establishes the local health department may appoint any number of such persons to the local board of health. The bill also eliminates the requirement that a good faith effort be made to appoint a registered nurse and a physician to the local board of health. Finally, the bill eliminates the requirement that the members of a local board of health reflect the diversity of the community.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 251.03 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

