



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 470

January 9, 2012 – Introduced by Representatives KNUDSON and KESTELL. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 118.22 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** the renewal of teacher
2 contracts.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, by March 15 a school board must notify a teacher whether the teacher's employment contract will be renewed for the succeeding school year. If no notice is given, the employment contract continues for the succeeding school year. A teacher has until April 15 to accept or reject a contract for the succeeding school year.

This bill delays the March 15 deadline until May 15 and the April 15 deadline until June 15. The bill is effective on the February 1 following publication of the act.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 118.22 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 118.22 (2) On or before ~~March~~ May 15 of the school year during which a teacher
5 holds a contract, the board by which the teacher is employed or an employee at the
6 direction of the board shall give the teacher written notice of renewal or refusal to
7 renew the teacher's contract for the ensuing school year. If no such notice is given

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1 on or before ~~March~~ May 15, the contract then in force shall continue for the ensuing
2 school year. A teacher who receives a notice of renewal of contract for the ensuing
3 school year, or a teacher who does not receive a notice of renewal or refusal to renew
4 the teacher's contract for the ensuing school year on or before ~~March~~ May15, shall
5 accept or reject in writing such contract not later than the following ~~April~~ June 15.
6 No teacher may be employed or dismissed except by a majority vote of the full
7 membership of the board. Nothing in this section prevents the modification or
8 termination of a contract by mutual agreement of the teacher and the board. No such
9 board may enter into a contract of employment with a teacher for any period of time
10 as to which the teacher is then under a contract of employment with another board.

11 **SECTION 2. Effective date.**

12 (1) This act takes effect on the February 1 following publication.

13 (END)