



## 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 326

April 21, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives TRAVIS, DUFF, ZIEGELBAUER, R. YOUNG, HAHN, BALDWIN, HUBER, ALBERS, LA FAVE, BELL, BOCK, WALKER and NOTESTEIN, cosponsored by Senators MOEN, BURKE, WINEKE and CHVALA. Referred to Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law.

1 **AN ACT to create** 19.59 (1) (e) and (em) of the statutes; **relating to:** conflicts of  
2 interest by local public officials.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill prohibits any elective or major appointive official of a local government from representing a person for compensation before a local government with respect to a matter if the official is authorized to take official action requiring the exercise of discretion with respect to that matter. The bill also prohibits such an official from taking official action with respect to a matter before a subunit of a local government if the official has discretion with respect to the matter and the official has a financial interest in another's representation of a person before that subunit with respect to that matter. Currently, there are no such restrictions.

Violators are subject to a forfeiture (civil penalty) of not more than \$1,000 for each violation.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 19.59 (1) (e) and (em) of the statutes are created to read:  
4 19.59 (1) (e) No local public official may represent a person for compensation  
5 before a board, council, commission, committee or other subunit of a local  
6 governmental unit with respect to a matter if the official is authorized to take official  
7 action requiring the exercise of discretion with respect to that matter.  
8 (em) No local public official may take official action with respect to a matter  
9 before a board, council, commission, committee or other subunit of a local

1 governmental unit if the official has discretion with respect to that matter and the  
2 official has a financial interest in another's representation of a person before that  
3 subunit with respect to that matter.

4 (END)