AN ACT to amend 59.99 (2) (c); and to create 59.99 (2) (bm) of the statutes, relating to: authorizing the chairperson of a county board to appoint alternate members to a county board of adjustment.

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

SECTION 1. 59.99 (2) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

59.99 (2) (bm) The chairperson of the county board may appoint, for staggered 3-year terms, 2 alternate members of the board of adjustment, subject to approval of the county board. Annually, the chairperson of the county board shall designate one of the alternate members as the first alternate and the other as 2nd alternate. The first alternate shall act, with full power, only when a member of the board of adjustment refuses to vote because of a conflict of interest or when a member is absent. The 2nd alternate shall act only when the first alternate refuses to vote because of a conflict of interest or is absent, or if more than one member of the board of adjustment refuses to vote because of a conflict of interest or is absent.

SECTION 2. 59.99 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

59.99 (2) (c) The members of the board, including alternate members, shall all reside within the county and outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages; provided, however, that no 2 members shall reside in the same town. The board shall choose its own chairperson. Office room shall be provided by the county board, and the actual and necessary expenses incurred by the board in the performance of its duties shall be paid and allowed as in cases of other claims against the county. The county board may likewise compensate the members of the board, including alternate members, and the assistants as may be authorized by the county board. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term of any member whose term becomes vacant.

SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions. Notwithstanding section 59.99 (2) (bm) of the statutes, as created by this act, the initial term of the first alternate member of the board of adjustment shall be for 3 years and the initial term of the 2nd alternate member of the board of adjustment shall be for 2 years.