

1993 Senate Bill 508

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# 1993 WISCONSIN ACT 52

AN ACT to amend 13.45 (4m), 13.81 (title), (1), (2), (5) and (7) and 13.90 (1m) (a) of the statutes, relating to: the name and membership of the joint legislative council.

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

**SECTION 1.** 13.45 (4m) of the statutes is amended to read:

13.45 (4m) (title) COCHAIRPERSONS OF JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES. ~~Every~~ Except as provided in s. 13.81 (1), every joint standing, statutory, special or other joint committee shall be chaired jointly by a senator and a representative to the assembly appointed as are other members of the joint committee.

**SECTION 2.** 13.81 (title), (1), (2), (5) and (7) of the statutes are amended to read:

**13.81 (title) Joint legislative council. (1) CREATION.** There is created a joint legislative council of ~~24~~ 22 members consisting of the speaker and ~~deputy speaker~~ of the assembly, ~~and the president of the senate, the speaker pro tempore of the assembly and the president pro tempore of the senate,~~ the senate and assembly majority and minority leaders, the 2 cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance, the ranking minority member of the joint committee on finance from each house, and 5 senators and 5 representatives to the assembly appointed as are the members of standing committees in their respective houses. ~~The terms of all members shall expire on May 1 of each odd-numbered year. The speaker of the assembly and the president of the senate, or the designee of each from within the membership of that house on the council, shall serve as cochairpersons of the council.~~

**(2) MEETINGS.** The council upon the call of the cochairpersons, or any committee under s. 13.82 or 13.83 upon the call of the respective chairperson, may meet at

any time and place it determines ~~upon the call of the respective chairperson~~, but when one-third of the total voting membership of the council or of any such committee requests that a meeting be held at a specific time and place, the cochairpersons of the council or the respective chairperson of the committee shall call a meeting for the specific time and place. No committee may meet at a place outside this state without the prior consent of the majority of the officers of the council.

**(5) EXPENDITURES.** All expenditures for the council shall be by voucher signed either by the ~~chairperson~~ cochairpersons or by the director of the council staff.

**(7) CONTINGENT EXPENSES.** Expenditures from the appropriation under s. 20.765 (3) (ec) may be made by the ~~chairperson~~ cochairpersons of the council or by the director of the council staff at their discretion, but a statement of all such expenditures shall be rendered to the legislature at the beginning of each regular session.

**SECTION 3.** 13.90 (1m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

13.90 (1m) (a) In this subsection, “legislative service agency” means the legislative council staff, the legislative audit bureau, the legislative fiscal bureau, the legislative reference bureau and the revisor of statutes bureau.

**SECTION 4. Terminology changes.** (1) Wherever “legislative council” appears in the following sections of the statutes as a reference to the multimember statutory legislative body, but not as a reference to the legislative council staff, “joint legislative council” is substituted: 13.123 (3) (b), 13.55 (4), 13.82 (intro.), 13.83 (intro.), (1) (a), (b), (d), (e) (intro.) and 2 and (f) and (3) (b) 1., (c) 1. and (e), 13.91 (1) (a) and (b) and (2) (c), 13.93 (1) (a),

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16.05, 20.765 (3) (e) and (ec), 35.05 (4), 101.55, 227.116 (1) and (2), 231.19 (2) and 234.25 (2).

(2) Wherever “legislative council” appears in 1993 Wisconsin Act 16, section 9137 (2), as a reference to the

multimember statutory legislative body, but not as a reference to the legislative council staff, “joint legislative council” is substituted.

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