

## 1999 SENATE BILL 165

May 20, 1999 – Introduced by Senators SHIBILSKI, SCHULTZ, BAUMGART, DRZEWIECKI, PANZER and FARROW, cosponsored by Representatives SYKORA, GRONEMUS, ALBERS, PLOUFF, POWERS, GOETSCH, GUNDERSON and PETROWSKI. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform.

1     **AN ACT to renumber** 15.348; and **to create** 15.348 (2) of the statutes; **relating**  
 2     **to:** voting by the members of the conservation congress.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the conservation congress is a statewide independent organization of citizens that serves the natural resources board in an advisory capacity. Members from the county committees of the congress vote on advisory opinions made to the natural resources board. Under this bill, the natural resources board may not accept an advisory opinion if the congress allowed its members to vote on the advisory opinion without being present in person for the voting.

For further information see the *state and 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.** 15.348 of the statutes is renumbered 15.348 (1).

4     **SECTION 2.** 15.348 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

5     15.348 (2) The natural resources board may not accept an advisory opinion of  
 6     the conservation congress if the conservation congress allows its members to vote on

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1 the advisory opinion in any manner which allows a member to vote without being  
2 physically present for the voting.

3 (END)