



1999 SENATE BILL 27

February 3, 1999 - Introduced by Senators RISSER, SHIBILSKI, GROBSCHMIDT, ERPENBACH, PLACHE, MOEN, BRESKE, BURKE, DECKER, CLAUSING, WIRCH and BAUMGART, cosponsored by Representatives BLACK, KRUG, LA FAVE, POCAN, MILLER, HANDRICK, TURNER, MEYER, PLOUFF, J. LEHMAN, HUBER, RYBA, LASSA, CULLEN, BOCK, SERATTI, BOYLE, REYNOLDS, POWERS, HEBL, HASENOHRL, BERCEAU, SHERMAN, SCHOOFF, BALOW, WASSERMAN, MEYERHOFER, HUTCHISON, CARPENTER, MORRIS-TATUM, TRAVIS, STASKUNAS and KREUSER. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 15.05 (1) (c); *to amend* 15.05 (1) (b); and *to create* 15.05 (1)
2 (bn) of the statutes; **relating to:** the appointment of the secretary of natural
3 resources.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the secretary of natural resources and the members of the natural resources board are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The secretary serves at the pleasure of the governor and the members of the board serve for staggered 6-year terms. The secretary is the administrative head of the department of natural resources (DNR), and the board performs the regulatory, advisory and policy-making duties for DNR. Under this bill, the secretary of natural resources is appointed by the natural resources board without the advice and consent of the senate and serves at the pleasure of the board. The bill allows the current secretary of natural resources to continue to serve until he or she vacates his or her office or is removed from office by the board.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 15.05 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

