

## 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 478

August 21, 2001 - Introduced by Representatives MUSSER, COGGS, SCHNEIDER, AINSWORTH, LA FAVE, BOYLE, BERCEAU, POCAN, RILEY and MORRIS-TATUM, cosponsored by Senators GEORGE and MOORE. Referred to Committee on Assembly Organization.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 13.015 of the statutes; **relating to:** delegates from tribal  
2           governments to the legislature.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires each house of the legislature to permit at least one tribal delegate to be seated in the house. The bill allows each house to determine the number of delegates that have a seat and the privileges that a delegate has under the rules of the house or under the joint rules or both. It requires that delegates be selected by a process that is unanimously agreed upon by the elected governing bodies of the tribes. The delegates would represent tribal governments.

For further information see the *state* 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.** 13.015 of the statutes is created to read:  
4           **13.015 Tribal delegates.** Each house of the legislature shall permit at least  
5           one delegate of the governments of the federally recognized American Indian tribes  
6           and bands in this state, who is selected by a process that is unanimously agreed upon

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1 by the elected governing bodies of those tribal governments, to have a seat in the  
2 house. Delegates having a seat under this section have the privileges specified for  
3 them in the rules of the house in which they have a seat or in the joint rules or both.

4 (END)