

**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 788**

February 28, 2002 – Offered by COMMITTEE ON RURAL AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 23.09 (3) (b); and *to create* 15.347 (18) and 26.02 of the  
2           statutes; **relating to:** creating a council on forestry.

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

3           **SECTION 1.** 15.347 (18) of the statutes is created to read:

4           15.347 **(18)** COUNCIL ON FORESTRY. (a) There is created in the department of  
5     natural resources a council of forestry consisting of:

- 6           1. The chief state forester or his or her designee.
- 7           2. One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.
- 8           3. One member of the senate, appointed by the senate minority leader.
- 9           4. One member of the assembly, appointed by the speaker of the assembly.
- 10          5. One member of the assembly, appointed by the assembly minority leader.

1           6. One member who represents the interests of a forest products company that  
2 owns and manages large tracts of private forest land that supply raw materials to  
3 the forest products industry.

4           7. One member who represents the interests of owners of nonindustrial, private  
5 forest land who manage the land to produce ecological, economic, and social benefits.

6           8. One member who represents the interests of counties that have county  
7 forests within their boundaries.

8           9. One member who represents the interests of the paper and pulp industry.

9           10. One member who represents the interests of the lumber industry.

10          11. One member who represents the interests of nonprofit conservation  
11 organizations whose purposes include the conservation and use of forest resources.

12          12. One member who is a forester who engages in the practice of providing  
13 consultation services on forestry issues.

14          13. One member who represents the interests of schools of forestry within the  
15 state that have curricula in the management of forest resources that are accredited  
16 by the Society of American Foresters.

17          14. One member who represents the interests of persons who engage in the  
18 practice of conservation education.

19          15. One member who represents the interests of persons who are members of  
20 labor unions that are affiliated with the forestry industry.

21          16. One member who represents the interests of persons who are engaged in  
22 the practice of urban and community forestry.

23          17. One member who represents the interests of persons who are members of  
24 the Society of American Foresters.

1           18. One member who represents the interests of persons who are members of  
2 an organization of timber producers.

3           19. One person who represents the interests of persons who are engaged in an  
4 industry that uses secondary wood.

5           (b) Each member specified in par. (a) 2. to 5. shall be appointed in the same  
6 manner as members of standing committees are appointed.

7           (c) Each member specified in par. (a) 6. to 19. shall be nominated by the  
8 governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, to serve a 5-year  
9 term.

10          (d) The governor shall annually appoint a chairperson for the council from  
11 among its members before the first meeting of each year, and the chairperson, at the  
12 first meeting of each year, shall annually appoint the vice chairperson and secretary  
13 from among the council's members. Any of these appointees may be appointed for  
14 successive terms.

15          (e) The council shall meet 4 times each year and shall also meet on the call of  
16 the chairperson of the council or on the call of a majority of its members.  
17 Notwithstanding s. 15.09 (3), the council shall meet at such locations within this  
18 state as may be designated by the chairperson of the council or by a majority of its  
19 members.

20           **SECTION 2.** 23.09 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

21           23.09 (3) (b) If the department and the board of regents of the University of  
22 Wisconsin System enter into an agreement to create a faculty position at the  
23 University of Wisconsin–Madison for a forest landscape ecologist, the department  
24 and the University of Wisconsin–Madison shall develop an annual work plan for the

1 ecologist. In developing the annual work plan, the department shall consult with the  
2 governor's council on forestry ~~created by executive order under s. 14.019.~~

3 **SECTION 3.** 26.02 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **26.02 Council on forestry. (1) DUTIES.** The council on forestry shall advise  
5 the governor, the legislature, the department of natural resources, the department  
6 of commerce, and other state agencies, as determined to be appropriate by the  
7 council, on all of the following topics as they affect forests located in this state:

8 (a) The protection of forests from fire, insects, and disease.

9 (b) The practice of sustainable forestry, as defined in s. 28.04 (1) (e).

10 (c) Reforestation and forestry genetics.

11 (d) Management and protection of urban forests.

12 (e) Increasing the public's knowledge and awareness of forestry issues.

13 (f) Forestry research.

14 (g) Increasing the economic development of the forestry industry and  
15 employment in the forestry industry.

16 (h) Marketing and use of forest products.

17 (i) Legislation that impacts on the management of forest lands in this state.

18 (j) Staffing and funding needs for forestry programs conducted by the state.

19 **(2) REPORT.** (a) The council on forestry shall prepare a biennial report on the  
20 status of the state's forest resources and forestry industry. The report shall include  
21 a summary of each of the following:

22 1. The magnitude, nature, and extent of the forest resources in this state.

23 2. The current use in this state for forest products and the benefits that these  
24 forest products provide to the state.

1           3. The projected future demand for forest products and the projected benefits  
2 that these forest products will provide to the state in the future.

3           4. The types of owners and forms of ownership that apply to forests in this state,  
4 including the reasons why persons own forest land.

5           5. The success of existing incentives that are offered to stimulate the  
6 development of forest resources.

7           6. The possible economic opportunities in this state that may result if improved  
8 forest–product marketing, and increased business dealing in or use of forest  
9 products, occurs in this state.

10          7. Recommendations for increasing the economic development of the forestry  
11 industry and employment in the forestry industry.

12          8. The effect of state and local governmental laws and policy on forestry  
13 management and the location of markets for forest products.

14          9. Recommendations as to staffing and funding needs for forestry programs  
15 and other conservation programs related to forestry that are conducted by the state  
16 to support and enhance the development of forest resources.

17          10. Recommendations as to the need to increase the public’s knowledge and  
18 awareness of forestry issues.

19           (b) The council on forestry shall submit the report under this subsection no  
20 later than June 1 of each odd–numbered year for distribution to the governor and to  
21 the appropriate standing committees of the legislature under s. 13.172 (3). The first  
22 report shall be submitted no later than June 1, 2005. Each report shall cover the  
23 24–month period ending on the December 31 immediately preceding the date of the  
24 report.

25           **SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.**

