

2003 SENATE BILL 412

January 28, 2004 – Introduced by Senators REYNOLDS and LAZICH, cosponsored by Representatives HONADEL, VUKMIR, KESTELL, LADWIG, GUNDRUM, AINSWORTH, HUNDERTMARK, HINES, ALBERS and STONE. Referred to Committee on Labor, Small Business Development and Consumer Affairs.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to create* 19.42 (7w) (e) and 19.42 (13) (p) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 coverage of the positions of certain members of governing bodies of state and
3 local government retirement systems under codes of ethics for public officials.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, the members of state boards who are appointed to their positions by the governor, as well as members of certain other specified state boards, are generally subject to the statutory code of ethics for state public officials. Because the positions of members of certain boards in the Department of Employee Trust Funds are appointed by certain other boards or elected by certain groups, these positions are not subject to the code of ethics for state public officials. Occupants of positions that are subject to the code must adhere to statutory standards of conduct and must file annual statements of economic interests with the state ethics board. This bill provides that the positions of all members of the Employee Trust Funds Board, the Teachers Retirement Board, and the Wisconsin Retirement Board are subject to the code of ethics for state public officials.

Currently, the members of local government boards who serve for specified terms or who are appointed by the administrative head or governing body of a local government to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority are generally subject to the statutory code of ethics for local public officials. Because not all members of the governing bodies of the Milwaukee city and county retirement systems are appointed in this manner, not all of these positions are subject to the code of ethics for local public officials. Occupants of positions that are subject to the code must

