



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2005 Senate Bill 34**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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Senate Bill 34 permits the local governing body to order a special election to fill a vacancy in specified municipal and county elective offices if the vacancy occurs before June 1 in the year preceding the expiration of the term of office. The effect of the bill's authorization is two-fold: (1) it allows a vacancy to be filled by special election in elective offices currently filled by appointment; and (2) where current law allows a vacancy in an elective office to be filled by special election, it may allow the election to be held sooner (i.e., the fall election when the special election is ordered between December 1 and May 31).

Assembly Amendment 1 deletes from the bill all elective town offices, with the exception of the office of town board supervisor in towns with a town board consisting of more than three members. Thus, under the amendment, the optional special election provisions of the bill, as those provisions affect elective town offices, only apply to the office of town board supervisor and only when the town board consists of more than three members.

### **Legislative History**

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Pridemore. The Assembly Committee on Urban and Local Affairs recommended adoption of the amendment by a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0.

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