ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1, TO 2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 504

December 6, 2007 – Offered by Representatives GUNDERSON and BLACK.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 15.05 (1) (c) and 17.20 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** the

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appointment and term of service of the secretary of natural resources.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the secretary of natural resources is nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, to serve at the pleasure of the governor. Under this substitute amendment, the Natural Resources Board appoints the secretary of natural resources for a four–year term.

Under current law, when an appointive state office that has a specific term becomes vacant, because of a resignation, for example, the new appointee is appointed for the rest of the unexpired term. Under this substitute amendment, when the office of secretary of natural resources becomes vacant, the new appointee serves a full four-year term beginning when he or she is appointed.

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

SECTION 1. 15.05 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1	15.05 (1) (c) The secretary of natural resources shall be nominated by the
2	governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, to serve at the
3	pleasure of the governor appointed by the natural resources board for a 4–year term.
4	SECTION 2. 17.20 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
5	17.20 (1) GENERAL. Vacancies in appointive state offices shall be filled by
6	appointment by the appointing power and in the manner prescribed by law for
7	making regular full term appointments thereto, and appointees to fill vacancies
8	therein shall hold office for the residue of the unexpired term or, if no definite term
9	of office is fixed by law, until their successors are appointed and qualify <u>, except that</u>
10	an appointee to fill a vacancy in the office of secretary of natural resources shall serve
11	a full 4-year term beginning on the date of appointment and qualification.
12	(END)