

2007 SENATE BILL 492

February 15, 2008 – Introduced by Senators JAUCH and MILLER, cosponsored by Representatives SHERMAN, VAN AKKEREN and SINICKI. Referred to Committee on Ethics Reform and Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 17.03 (10) of the statutes; **relating to:** vacancies in appointive
2 state offices.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, if the term of office of an appointive state officer expires and no successor has been appointed and has qualified to assume that office, the incumbent may generally hold over in that office until a successor is appointed and qualified unless a vacancy occurs under some provision of law (for example, disqualification of the incumbent).

This bill provides that if the term of an appointive state officer expires, the incumbent's office is vacant regardless of whether a successor has been appointed and has qualified. Under the bill, if a state office is filled by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, the governor may make a provisional appointment to fill any state office that is vacated under the bill pending confirmation or rejection of a nomination by the senate.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 17.03 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

