



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AMENDMENT MEMO**

2007 Assembly Bill 668

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Under *current law*, the Group Insurance Board (GIB) consists of: (1) the Governor, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Administration, the Director of the Office of State Employment Relations, and the Commissioner of Insurance or their designees; and (2) six persons appointed by the Governor for two-year terms as follows: (a) one must be an insured participant in the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) who is not a teacher; (b) one must be an insured WRS participant who is a teacher; (c) one must be an insured WRS participant who is a retired employee; (d) one must be an insured employee of a local unit of government; (e) one must be the chief executive or a member of the governing body of a local unit of government that is a participating employer in the WRS; and (f) the remaining member may be any individual the Governor appoints.

2007 Assembly Bill 668 increases the number of persons appointed to the GIB by the Governor from six to eight. The two additional members may be any two individuals the Governor appoints. The bill provides that, notwithstanding current law, all of the terms of office for the appointees expire on May 1, 2009. The bill then requires that, beginning on May 1, 2009, each of the state's eight congressional districts must be represented by a resident who is appointed by the Governor.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to the bill retains current law with respect to the number of members appointed by the Governor (that is, six). However, the bill provides that no person *initially* appointed by the Governor after the bill's effective date may reside, at the time of appointment, in a congressional district in which another person appointed by the Governor resides. (This means that any person who had been appointed to the GIB before the bill's effective date may be reappointed in the future without regard to that person's residency in a particular congressional district.)

The *substitute amendment* also provides that the terms of three of the gubernatorial appointees expire on May 1 of every odd-numbered year and the terms of the other three gubernatorial appointees expire on May 1 of every even-numbered year. To phase in this provision about staggered terms, the substitute amendment provides that, notwithstanding these provisions: the categories of individuals

listed in (2) (a) to (c), above, must be appointed for terms that expire on May 1 in the succeeding odd-numbered year; and the categories of individuals listed in (2) (d) to (f), above, must be appointed for terms that expire on May 1 in the succeeding even-numbered year.

Legislative History

Assembly Bill 668 was introduced by Representative Rhoades and others; cosponsored by Senator Harsdorf and others. Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to the bill was offered by the Assembly Committee on Insurance. The committee recommended adoption of the substitute amendment on a vote of Ayes, 11; Noes, 1. The committee then recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 3.

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