AN ACT to amend 15.165 (2) of the statutes; relating to: membership of the group insurance board.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The Group Insurance Board is responsible for designing and administering health and other insurance plans for state and local government employees. The board consists of 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 six persons appointed by the governor for two-year terms. This bill expands the membership to eight appointed persons and provides that, beginning on May 1, 2009, each of this state’s congressional districts must be represented by a resident who is an appointed member.

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

SECTION 1. 15.165 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

15.165 (2) GROUP INSURANCE BOARD. There is created in the department of employee trust funds a group insurance board. The board shall consist of 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 68 persons appointed for 2-year terms, of whom one shall be an
insured participant in the Wisconsin Retirement System who is not a teacher, one
shall be an insured participant in the Wisconsin Retirement System who is a teacher,
one shall be an insured participant in the Wisconsin Retirement System who is a
retired employee, one shall be an insured employee of a local unit of government, and
one shall be the chief executive or a member of the governing body of a local unit of
government that is a participating employer in the Wisconsin Retirement System.
Beginning on May 1, 2009, each of this state's congressional districts shall be
represented by a resident who is an appointed member.

SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) Notwithstanding section 15.165 (2) of the statutes, as affected by this act,
each person appointed to the group insurance board before May 1, 2009, shall serve
a term of office that expires on May 1, 2009.