## 2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 84

February 24, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives LeMahieu, Nerison, Suder, Gunderson, Kestell, J. Ott, Meyer, Petersen, Vos, Van Roy, Davis, Huebsch, A. Ott, Lothian, Strachota, Townsend, Spanbauer, Brooks and Ballweg, cosponsored by Senators Kedzie, Lazich, Kapanke, Grothman, Hopper, Leibham and Schultz. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

- AN ACT *to create* 15.34 (2) (bg) and (br) of the statutes; **relating to:** membership
- 2 of the Natural Resources Board.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Natural Resources Board consists of seven members nominated by the governor and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed for six-year terms. Current law requires that at least three of the members be from north, and at least three of the members be from south, of a line running east and west through the southern limits of the city of Stevens Point.

This bill requires that, beginning in 2016, at least one member of the Natural Resources Board have an agricultural background. The bill also requires that, beginning in 2016, at least three members of the Natural Resources Board have held a hunting, fishing, or trapping license in at least seven of the ten years before the year of nomination. If an individual served on active duty in the military during the ten years before nomination, the number of years in which the individual is required to have held an annual hunting, fishing, or trapping license equals seven minus the number of years of active duty.

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

**SECTION 1.** 15.34 (2) (bg) and (br) of the statutes are created to read:

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15.34 **(2)** (bg) At least one member of the natural resources board shall have an agricultural background. The governor may request statewide agricultural organizations to submit recommendations for nominees under this paragraph. The requirements of this paragraph apply to individuals who are members of the natural resources board on May 1, 2016, and thereafter.

- (br) 1. At least 3 members of the natural resources board shall be individuals who held an annual hunting, fishing, or trapping license, in this state or another state, in at least 7 of the 10 years previous to the year in which the individual is nominated, except as provided in subd. 2. The governor may request statewide organizations that are primarily interested in supporting hunting, fishing, or trapping to submit recommendations for nominees under this paragraph. The requirements of this paragraph apply to individuals who are members of the natural resources board on May 1, 2016, and thereafter.
- 2. If an individual served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces or national guard during the 10 years previous to the year in which the individual is nominated, the number of years in which the individual is required to have held an annual hunting, fishing, or trapping license equals 7 minus the number of years of active duty served during those 10 years.