



## 2009 SENATE BILL 423

December 15, 2009 – Introduced by Senators COGGS and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives COLON, FIELDS, ZEPNICK, A. WILLIAMS, TOLES, RICHARDS and CULLEN. Referred to Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 43.54 (1) (am) and 43.54 (1) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
2             library boards of public libraries established in a first class city.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, a public library established in a first class city is administered by a 12-member library board. One member must be a member of the county board of supervisors who resides in the county but outside the city. This bill eliminates the requirement that the member reside outside the city.

Currently, for the library board of a public library established in a first class city, seven members constitute a quorum. This bill provides, instead, that a majority of the seats on the board that are currently filled constitutes a quorum.

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

3             **SECTION 1.** 43.54 (1) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4             43.54 (1) (am) Each public library established in a 1st class city shall be  
5             administered by a library board consisting of the president of the board of school  
6             directors or his or her designee, the superintendent of schools or his or her designee,  
7             a member of the county board of supervisors who resides in the county ~~but outside~~

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1 ~~the city~~, 3 alderpersons and 6 public members. The county board member shall be  
2 appointed by the county executive or county administrator and confirmed by the  
3 county board for a 4-year term commencing on May 1. The 3 alderpersons shall be  
4 appointed by the mayor on the 3rd Tuesday in April from among those alderpersons  
5 serving 4-year terms and shall serve on the library board during their aldermanic  
6 terms. The 6 public members shall be residents of the city. Five of the public  
7 members shall be appointed by the mayor on the 3rd Tuesday in April to staggered  
8 4-year terms. One of the public members appointed by the mayor under this  
9 paragraph shall be designated by the mayor as his or her representative on the  
10 board. One public member shall be appointed by the president of the common council  
11 on the 3rd Tuesday in April for a 4-year term. The public member appointed by the  
12 president of the common council under this paragraph shall be designated by the  
13 president of the common council as his or her representative on the board.

14 **SECTION 2.** 43.54 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 43.54 **(1)** (e) A majority of the membership of a library board constitutes a  
16 quorum, but any such board may, by regulation, provide that 3 or more members  
17 thereof shall constitute a quorum. For library boards organized under par. (am), 7  
18 ~~members constitute a majority of those seats on the board that are currently filled~~  
19 constitutes a quorum.

20 (END)