



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2009 Assembly Bill 276**

**Assembly  
Amendment 1**

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Assembly Bill 276 relates to the composition of the Board of Regents for the University of Wisconsin System (Board of Regents). Under current law, 14 citizen members serve on the Board of Regents. Assembly Bill 276 divides the state into seven geographical areas, called districts, and requires that at least one citizen member of the Board of Regents reside in each district. Under the bill, the membership requirement takes effect on January 1, 2015.

### **Assembly Amendment 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 276 includes two nonstatutory provisions. First, the amendment provides that any person serving as a citizen member on the Board of Regents on the effective date of the law, may continue to hold office and exercise the powers and duties of that office until his or her successor is appointed and qualified.

Second, the amendment provides that the Governor shall make appointments to the Board of Regents so as to bring the membership of the board into compliance with s. 15.91 (2), Stats., as created by Assembly Bill 276, by **January 1, 2012**. Assembly Amendment 1 makes no other changes to the bill.

### **Legislative History**

Assembly Bill 276 was introduced by Representative Smith and others; cosponsored by Senator Lassa and others; on May 19, 2009. The bill was referred to the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities. A public hearing was held on the bill on July 8, 2009. At an executive session held on September 30, 2009, the committee voted to adopt Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0. The committee voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 4.

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