



2009 SENATE BILL 556

February 24, 2010 - Introduced by Senators VINEHOUT and LEHMAN, cosponsored by Representatives BARCA, PASCH, ZIGMUNT, TURNER, HRAYCHUCK, A. WILLIAMS and SINICKI. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Corrections, Insurance, Campaign Finance Reform, and Housing.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 15.06 (1) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** the term of office of
2 the commissioner of insurance.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the commissioner of insurance is nominated by the governor and appointed with the advice and consent of the senate. The commissioner does not have a fixed term of office, but instead serves at the pleasure of the governor. This bill provides that the commissioner must be appointed for a four-year term of office. Under the bill, the governor still nominates and the senate still appoints the commissioner, but the commissioner no longer serves at the pleasure of the governor.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 15.06 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 15.06 (1) (b) The commissioner of insurance shall be nominated by the
5 governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, ~~to serve at the~~
6 ~~pleasure of the governor. The governor may remove from office the commissioner of~~
7 ~~insurance who was appointed for a fixed term before August 1, 1987 for a 4-year term~~
8 expiring on March 1 of an odd-numbered year.

