DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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1. This draft does not contain the concept of an "at large" member to address the possibility that the number of Wisconsin congressional districts may change over the years. As drafted, the provision will still work if number of congressional districts decreases or if the number increases up to nine.

2. With respect to the congressionally chartered veterans organizations, I used the term presiding officer since that is the term used at the U.S. Department of Veterans Web site. See http://www.va.gov/vso/rpt_chartered.cfm. Note that there are approximately fifty of these organizations. Also, I think some of these organizations may not be active or may not have a presence in Wisconsin. So I arbitrarily set a minimum number of organizations with which the governor would have to consult. You may wish to increase the number. As an alternative, you may wish to name all or some of the specific organizations that are required to have representation on the Council of Veterans Programs. See s. 15.497 (2).

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