



2013 SENATE BILL 187

May 16, 2013 – Introduced by Senators HARSDORF, T. CULLEN, LEHMAN and L. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives BROOKS, T. LARSON, NASS and SCHRAA. Referred to Committee on Economic Development and Local Government.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 238.02 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** term limits for certain
2 members of the board of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the members of the board of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (board) include the following:

1. Six members who are nominated by the governor and appointed with the advice and consent of the senate and who serve at the pleasure of the governor.

2. Three members appointed by the speaker of the assembly, consisting of one majority and one minority party representative to the assembly and one person employed in the private sector. All of those board members serve at the speaker's pleasure.

3. Three members appointed by the senate majority leader, consisting of one majority and one minority party senator and one person employed in the private sector. All of those board members serve at the senate majority leader's pleasure.

Under this bill, the members of the board nominated by the governor no longer serve at the pleasure of the governor but serve four-year, staggered terms; and the members of the board appointed by the speaker of the assembly and senate majority leader no longer serve at the pleasure of the speaker or majority leader but serve two-year terms based on the legislative biennium, if the board member is a member

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of the legislature, or four-year terms, if the board member is employed in the private sector.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 238.02 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 238.02 (1) There is created an authority, which is a public body corporate and
3 politic, to be known as the “Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.” The
4 members of the board shall consist of the governor, who shall serve as chairperson
5 of the board, and 6 members nominated by the governor, and with the advice and
6 consent of the senate appointed, to serve at the pleasure of the governor for 4-year
7 terms; 3 members appointed by the speaker of the assembly, consisting of one
8 majority and one minority party representative to the assembly, appointed as are the
9 members of standing committees in the assembly at the commencement of each
10 legislative biennium to serve for 2-year terms, and one person employed in the
11 private sector, to serve at the speaker’s pleasure for a 4-year term; and 3 members
12 appointed by the senate majority leader, consisting of one majority and one minority
13 party senator, appointed as are members of standing committees in the senate at the
14 commencement of each legislative biennium to serve for 2-year terms, and one
15 person employed in the private sector, to serve at the majority leader’s pleasure for
16 a 4-year term. The secretary of administration and the secretary of revenue shall
17 also serve on the board as nonvoting members.

18 **SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.**

19 (1) TERM LIMITS AND STAGGERING OF TERMS.

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1 (a) The current members of the board of the Wisconsin Economic Development
2 Corporation who are nominated by the governor shall no longer serve at the pleasure
3 of the governor but shall have terms expiring as follows:

4 1. The terms of 2 members, as determined by the governor, shall expire on July
5 1, 2016.

6 2. The terms of 2 members, as determined by the governor, shall expire on July
7 1, 2017.

8 3. The terms of 2 members, as determined by the governor, shall expire on July
9 1, 2018.

10 (b) The current member of the board of the Wisconsin Economic Development
11 Corporation who is employed in the private sector and appointed by the speaker of
12 the assembly shall no longer serve at the pleasure of the speaker of the assembly but
13 shall have a term expiring on July 1, 2015.

14 (c) The current member of the board of the Wisconsin Economic Development
15 Corporation who is employed in the private sector and appointed by the senate
16 majority leader shall no longer serve at the pleasure of the senate majority leader but
17 shall have a term expiring on July 1, 2015.

18 **SECTION 3. Effective date.**

19 (1) This act takes effect on January 1, 2015.

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