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2015 SENATE BILL 565

January 12, 2016 – Introduced by LAW REVISION COMMITTEE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 36.05 (8) of the statutes; **relating to:** the definition of faculty
2 of the University of Wisconsin System (suggested as remedial legislation by the
3 Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill deletes from the definition of “faculty” of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System a reference to a repealed law. Former law required the Board of Regents of the UW System to treat certain individuals as faculty members with the rank of associate professor. The requirement applied to individuals who were not ranked faculty members on August 15, 1991, and who held specified appointments before July 10, 1974. The 2015–16 biennial budget act repealed the law imposing the requirement. However, current law defines “faculty” to include those individuals by referring to the former law. This bill deletes the reference to the former law. As a result, under the bill, the individuals are not included in the definition of “faculty.”

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

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

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After

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careful consideration of the provision of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

1 **SECTION 1.** 36.05 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 36.05 (8) “Faculty” means persons who hold the rank of professor, associate
3 professor, assistant professor or instructor in an academic department or its
4 functional equivalent in an institution, ~~persons described under s. 36.13 (4) (e) and~~
5 such academic staff as may be designated by the chancellor and faculty of the
6 institution.

NOTE: Eliminates a cross-reference to a statutory section that was repealed by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55. The cross-reference covered certain individuals who were not ranked faculty members as of August 15, 1991, and who held unranked faculty tenure appointments or unranked probationary appointments prior to July 10, 1974.

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