

**2015 DRAFTING REQUEST**

**Bill**

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No specific pre topic given

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**Topic:**

Disclosure of executive branch appointments

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**Instructions:**

See attached

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## Kreye, Joseph

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**From:** Stafford, Beau  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 1:53 PM  
**To:** Kuczenski, Tracy; Kreye, Joseph  
**Subject:** FW: Co-Sponsor LRB 2537/1 Relating to: disclosing information about executive branch appointments  
**Attachments:** 15-2537\_1.pdf

Senator Vinehout will be doing the senate version of this bill. Can we get a Senate version drafted and jacketed?

Thanks!

### **BEAU STAFFORD**

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**From:** Rep.Stuck  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 9:11 AM  
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**Cc:** The-Wheeler-Report <wheeler@thewheelerreport.com>  
**Subject:** Co-Sponsor LRB 2537/1 Relating to: disclosing information about executive branch appointments

**To:** All Legislators  
**From:** Rep. Amanda Stuck and Rep. Katrina Shankland  
**RE:** Co-Sponsor LRB 2537/1 Relating to: disclosing information about executive branch appointments  
**Deadline:** Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 5PM

This bill requires each executive officer to submit information about executive appointees to the Ethics Commission.

During the Governor's tenure, we have seen an increase in appointed positions within state agencies, and there have been instances of unqualified individuals receiving appointments, potentially due to their or their relative's political connections or campaign donations. This bill seeks to increase transparency and accountability of executive appointees by requiring the executive officer to disclose their relationships with the appointees in order to avoid a conflict of interest.

In particular, the appointing officer must disclose the following information about the appointee:

- If they are a relative of the executive officer
- If they are a relative to any head of a state agency
- If they are a relative of the officer's staff, including campaign staff and advisors
- If they are a relative of political party officers
- If they are a relative of elected officials
- If they are an individual engaged in relationships with the officer
- The contributions the individual made to the governor or gubernatorial candidate
- The individual's contracts with the state
- The individual's previous executive appointments.

This bill also requires an affirmation that their answers to the above issues are true and complete, subject to penalty under 946.32(2), which carries a Class A Misdemeanor penalty.

It is important to Wisconsin taxpayers that the individuals appointed to the highest positions and receiving the highest taxpayer-funded salaries are not simply receiving these jobs because of nepotism or potential campaign contributions. Especially in light of the significant increase of appointed positions within state agencies under Governor Walker, it is important that the governor sign off on and ensure that his or her appointees are qualified and do not bear conflicts of interest.

Attached is a copy of LRB 2537/1. If you would like to be added as a co-sponsor to this bill or if you have any questions, please respond to this email or call Rep. Stuck's office at 6-3060 by Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 5PM

*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires each executive officer to submit information to the Ethics Commission regarding each appointment made by that officer. The bill requires that the officer disclose whether the appointee is related to the officer, any head of a state agency, any member of the officer's staff, any political party officer, or any elected official. The bill also requires that the officer disclose whether the appointee has a social relationship with the officer, whether the appointee has made contributions to the governor, whether the appointee has entered into any contracts with the state, and whether the officer has previously appointed the appointee to other offices.

A Copy of the Bill Draft is attached.



State of Wisconsin  
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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**2015 BILL**

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1 **AN ACT to create** 19.475 of the statutes; **relating to:** disclosing information  
2 about executive branch appointments.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 19.475 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **19.475 Disclosure of executive branch appointments.** (1) Each executive  
5 branch officer shall submit to the commission, on a form prescribed by the  
6 commission, all of the following information about any individual appointed by the  
7 officer:

**BILL****SECTION 1**

- 1 (a) The appointee's name, address, occupation, and employer.
- 2 (b) An indication of whether the appointee is related to the officer and, if so, the  
3 degree of kinship under s. 990.001 (16).
- 4 (c) An indication of whether the appointee is related to any other executive  
5 branch officer and, if so, the name of the related individual and the degree of kinship  
6 under s. 990.001 (16).
- 7 (d) An indication of whether the appointee is related to any member of the  
8 officer's staff, including campaign staff and advisors, and, if so, the name of the  
9 related individual and the degree of kinship under s. 990.001 (16).
- 10 (e) An indication of whether the appointee is related to any political party  
11 officer and, if so, the name of the related individual and the degree of kinship under  
12 s. 990.001 (16).
- 13 (f) An indication of whether the appointee is related to any individual holding  
14 an elective office and, if so, the name of the related individual and the degree of  
15 kinship under s. 990.001 (16).
- 16 (g) An indication of whether the appointee has a social relationship with the  
17 officer and, if so, the nature of that relationship.
- 18 (h) The amount of any contributions that the appointee made to the governor  
19 or governor's candidate committee during the year in which the officer appoints the  
20 individual and during each of the 4 years preceding the appointment.
- 21 (i) An indication of whether the appointee has entered into any contracts with  
22 the state and, if so, a description of those contracts.
- 23 (j) A description of any other offices to which the officer, governor, or other  
24 executive branch officer has appointed the appointee in the 5 years preceding the  
25 most recent appointment.



**Parisi, Lori**

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**From:** Stafford, Beau  
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**To:** LRB.Legal  
**Subject:** Draft Review: LRB -4517/1

Please Jacket LRB -4517/1 for the SENATE.