



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 118
[2015 Assembly Bill 388]

**Elections Commission and
Ethics Commission**

Under **current law**, the Government Accountability Board (GAB) administers and enforces election, campaign finance, ethics, and lobbying laws.

2015 Wisconsin Act 118 replaces the GAB with two commissions, effective June 30, 2016: (1) the Elections Commission, which administers and enforces election laws; and (2) the Ethics Commission, which administers and enforces campaign finance, ethics, and lobbying laws. The commission members serve for five-year terms and are appointed by legislative leadership or the Governor. Each commission is under the direction and supervision of an administrator, appointed by the commission and confirmed by the Senate. The Act makes additional changes relating to investigations, enforcement, advisory opinions, administrative rules, and policies and procedures.

For a detailed description of the Act, see Information Memorandum IM-2015-15, *Elections Commission and Ethics Commission* (December 21, 2015). [<http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/lc>.]

Effective date: The Act generally takes effect on June 30, 2016.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.