



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 140
[2015 Assembly Bill 372]

Lake District Boards

Public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts (lake districts) are governed by a board of commissioners consisting of five members. Prior to the passage of 2015 Wisconsin Act 25, one of the members of each lake district board was appointed by the city, village, or town within which the largest portion of the district lies, as measured by property tax valuation, and was required to be a member of the governing body of that city, village, or town. Act 25 required a governing body to appoint a resident of the lake district to the board, instead of a member of the governing body.

2015 Wisconsin Act 140 allows the governing body making this appointment to a lake district board to *either* appoint one of its members to serve on the board or another person who resides in the lake district. The Act also allows the governing body to decline to appoint a board member to the lake district board if the lake district includes a water body controlled by a dam and the dam does not lie within the city, village, or town under the control of that governing body. If the governing body chooses not to make the appointment, then the governing body of the city, village, or town in which the dam is located may appoint one of its members or another person who resides in the lake district to serve on the board.

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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>.