



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

<b>2015 Senate Bill 331</b>	<b>Senate Amendment 1</b>
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### **2015 SENATE BILL 331**

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 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. Under current law, as affected by Act 25, that governing body is required to appoint a resident of the lake district to the board, instead of a member of the governing body.

2015 Senate Bill 331 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.

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 1**

Senate Amendment 1 allows the governing body described above 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 appoint a member, then the governing body of the city, village, or town in which the dam is located may appoint one of its members to serve on the board or another person who resides in the lake district.

**BILL HISTORY**

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Tiffany on November 4, 2015. On January 5, 2016, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy voted to recommend adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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