AN ACT to amend 43.19 (1) (b) 1. of the statutes; relating to: membership of certain federated public library system boards.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the board for a federated public library system that has territory in two or more counties must have at least 15 members and not more than 20 members. Under this bill, the system board must have at least 11 members.

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

SECTION 1. 43.19 (1) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

43.19 (1) (b) 1. Except as provided in subd. 2., in a federated public library system whose territory lies within 2 or more counties, the system board shall consist of at least 11 and not more than 20 members nominated by the county executive in each county in the system, or by the county board chairperson in a county without a county executive, and approved by each county board in the system. Appointments shall be in proportion to population as nearly as practical, but, except as provided in
subd. 2., each county shall be represented by at least one member on the system board. Each county board may appoint one county board member to the system board. The public library board governing the designated resource library shall have at least one member on the system board. The remaining system board members shall include such representatives of the library boards governing public libraries of participating municipalities and counties and public members appointed from the counties at large as the county board determines.