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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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**2009 Wisconsin Act 212**  
[2009 Assembly Bill 560]

**Remedial Legislation: Wisconsin  
Employment Relations Commission**

This legislation was suggested as remedial legislation by the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission (WERC) and introduced by the Joint Legislative Council's Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., Stats.

2009 Wisconsin Act 212:

- Eliminates language relating to the filing period for fair employment act complaints, which were located in the statute which deals with time for appeals to the WERC. These complaints are processed by the Equal Rights Division in the Department of Workforce Development (DWD), and not by WERC.
- Deletes reference to the authority of WERC under s. 230.45 (1), Stats., to conduct investigations; the Equal Rights Division in DWD conducts these investigations.
- Repeals an obsolete provision regarding WERC's authority to hear county merit system appeals. The referenced rules are Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) rules that have been repealed.
- Removes a reference to the Division of Equal Rights within DWD which was placed in the statutory provision relating to the duties of WERC. The duties of the Division of Equal Rights, in this regard, are stated in s. 230.45 (1e) (c), Stats.

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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.state.wi.us/>.