



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2017 Wisconsin Act 248**  
[2017 Assembly Bill 553]

**Prohibition on State and Local  
Boycotts of Israel and Eligibility  
for State Procurement Contracts**

2017 Wisconsin Act 248 prohibits any state agency or other body in state government and any local governmental unit, including a special purpose district, from adopting a rule, ordinance, policy, or procedure that involves the state agency or local governmental unit in a “prohibited boycott,” defined in the Act as a boycott of Israel or a person doing business in Israel or in a territory under Israeli jurisdiction.

The Act also requires contracts with an estimated cost of \$100,000 or more for materials, supplies, equipment, and services between state purchasing agents and a company, as defined in the Act, to include a provision that the company is not currently participating, or will not for the duration of the contract, participate in a prohibited boycott.

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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>.