



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Assembly Bill 788

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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2001 Assembly Bill 788 creates a Council on Forestry, specifying the membership of the council, procedures for the appointment of members, and functions of the council.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 increases from 15 to 19 the number of members of the council. It specifies that the four additional members represent the following interests:

- Persons who are engaged in the practice of urban and community forestry.
- Persons who are members of the Society of American Foresters.
- Persons who are members of an organization of timber producers.
- Persons who are engaged in an industry that uses secondary wood.

In addition, the substitute amendment changes the characterization of several of the other members of the council, as follows:

- Replaces reference to *the interests of owners of private forest land that is used to produce timber for industrial use* with *the interests of a forest products company that owns and manages large tracts of private forest land that supply raw materials to the forest products industry*.
- Replaces reference to *the interests of owners of private forest land that is not used to produce timber for industrial use* with *the interests of owners of nonindustrial, private forest land who manage the land to produce ecological, economic, and social benefit*.

- Replaces reference to *persons who engage in programs to increase the public's knowledge and awareness of forestry issues* with *persons who engage in the practice of conservation education*.

Finally, the substitute amendment requires that the council submit its biennial report to the Governor, in addition to the requirement in the bill that the council submit this report to the Legislature.

On February 28, 2002, the Assembly Committee on Rural Affairs and Forestry introduced Assembly Substitute Amendment 1; it recommended adoption of the substitute amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0.

On March 7, 2002, the Assembly adopted Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 and passed Assembly Bill 788, as amended, on voice votes.

On March 11, 2002, the Senate Environmental Resources Committee recommended concurrence in Assembly Bill 788 on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 1.

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