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2015 SENATE BILL 754

February 17, 2016 - Introduced by Senators Vinehout and Harris Dodd, cosponsored by Representatives Kahl, Subeck, Spreitzer, Pope and Berceau. Referred to Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection.

AN ACT to amend 13.09 (1); and to create 13.101 (18) of the statutes; relating

to: membership of the Joint Committee on Finance and consideration of committee motions.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The bill specifies that the eight senators and eight representatives to the assembly who serve on the Joint Committee on Finance must consist of five senators chosen from the majority party, three senators chosen from the minority party, five representatives chosen from the majority party, and three representatives chosen from the minority party. There is no existing requirement relating to the partisan makeup of JCF.

This bill also provides that JCF may not consider or take executive action on any motion offered at committee unless the motion has been distributed to all members of JCF at least 24 hours before JCF considers or takes executive action on the motion. The motion must also be posted on the Legislative Fiscal Bureau's Internet site at least 24 hours before JCF considers or takes executive action on the motion.

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

Section 1. 13.09 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

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13.09 (1) There is created a joint standing committee, to be known as the joint committee on finance, consisting of -8-5 senators chosen from the majority party, 3 senators chosen from the minority party, 5 representatives to the assembly chosen from the majority party, and -8-3 representatives to the assembly chosen from the minority party. The senators and representatives to the assembly shall be appointed as are the members of standing committees in their respective houses.

Section 2. 13.101 (18) of the statutes is created to read:

13.101 (18) The committee may not consider or take executive action on any motion offered at committee unless the motion has been distributed to all members of the committee at least 24 hours before the committee considers or takes executive action on the motion. The motion must also be posted on the legislative fiscal bureau's Internet site at least 24 hours before the committee considers or takes executive action on the motion.

14 (END)