



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

LRB-4807/P2
MJW:cdc

PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT to amend** 45.08 (1) and 45.08 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** celebration
2 of Memorial Day (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of
3 Veterans affairs).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill removes May 30 as a description of Memorial Day in the statutes and amends the grammar describing government workers' leaves of absence for Memorial Day.

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

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

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Veterans Affairs and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

4 **SECTION 1.** 45.08 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 **45.08 (1)** Every department and agency of the state government, every court
6 of the state, and every political subdivision of the state, shall give a leave of absence

1 with pay for the last Monday in May of each year, the day of celebration for ~~May 30~~,
2 Memorial Day, to every person in the employ of the state or political subdivision who
3 has at any time served in and been honorably discharged from the U.S. armed forces
4 or from forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces. A refusal to give the
5 leave of absence to a person entitled to the leave constitutes neglect of duty.

NOTE: SECTION 1 removes redundant language describing the legal holiday that
occurs on the last Monday in May.

6 **SECTION 2.** 45.08 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 45.08 (2) If the nature of the duties of the department, agency, court, or political
8 subdivision necessitates the employment of persons eligible for a leave of absence
9 under sub. (1), the department, agency, court, or political subdivision shall arrange
10 and assign the necessary work so as to permit the largest possible numbers of eligible
11 persons to have a leave of absence for either all or part of Memorial Day.

NOTE: SECTION 2 conforms grammar to current style.

12 (END)