

2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 504

September 13, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives GUNDERSON, DAVIS, BLACK, HUEBSCH, BALLWEG, BERCEAU, CULLEN, GRONEMUS, HAHN, HEBL, HINES, HILGENBERG, HRAYCHUCK, HUBLER, JESKEWITZ, KAUFERT, KESTELL, KLEEFISCH, LEMAHIEU, MASON, MOULTON, MURSAU, NERISON, NEWCOMER, POCAN, POPE-ROBERTS, PRIDEMORE, ROTH, SCHNEIDER, SHILLING, SMITH, SOLETSKI, SUDER, TAUCHEN, TURNER, VAN AKKEREN, VAN ROY, VRUWINK, WIECKERT, JORGENSEN, PETERSEN and NYGREN, cosponsored by Senators BRESKE, COWLES, LEHMAN, LEIBHAM, PLALE, RISSER and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 15.05 (1) (c); and *to amend* 15.05 (1) (b) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** the appointment of the secretary of natural resources.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the secretary of natural resources is nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, to serve at the pleasure of the governor. Under this bill, the Natural Resources Board appoints the secretary of natural resources.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 15.05 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 15.05 **(1)** (b) Except as provided in pars. (c) and par. (d), if a department is under
5 the direction and supervision of a board, the board shall appoint a secretary to serve
6 at the pleasure of the board outside the classified service. In such departments, the
7 powers and duties of the board shall be regulatory, advisory, and policy-making, and
8 not administrative. All of the administrative powers and duties of the department

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1 are vested in the secretary, to be administered by him or her under the direction of
2 the board. The secretary, with the approval of the board, shall promulgate rules for
3 administering the department and performing the duties assigned to the
4 department.

5 **SECTION 2.** 15.05 (1) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

6 (END)