



State of Wisconsin
2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



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DOA:.....Waterman, BB0302 - Attach Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission (WERC) to Department of Workforce Development

FOR 2013-2015 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

STATE GOVERNMENT

STATE EMPLOYMENT

This bill attaches the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission (WERC) to DWD. Currently, WERC is an independent state agency. The bill eliminates a requirement that WERC commissioners may not have other employment and provides that newly-appointed commissioners are appointed to two-thirds of a full-time equivalent position.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 15.06 (3) (a) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

15.06 (3) (a) 4. The members of the employment relations commission.

SECTION 2. 15.06 (3) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

15.06 (3) (c) Each member of the employment relations commission shall be appointed to two-thirds of a full-time equivalent position.

SECTION 3. 15.06 (4m) of the statutes is amended to read:

15.06 (4m) EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT. ~~Each commission chairperson under s. 230.08 (2) (m) and each commissioner of the public service commission may appoint an executive assistant to serve at his or her pleasure outside the classified service. The executive assistant shall perform duties as the chairperson or commissioner prescribes.~~

SECTION 4. 15.58 of the statutes is renumbered 15.225 (2) and amended to read:

15.225 (2) EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION; CREATION. There is created an employment relations commission which is attached to the department of workforce development under s. 15.03.

SECTION 5. 230.08 (2) (m) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 6. 230.08 (4) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

230.08 (4) (d) The division administrator appointed under sub. (2) (e) 4. shall be an attorney and shall be appointed by the chairperson of the employment relations commission.

SECTION 9313. Initial applicability; Employment Relations Commission.

(1) COMPENSATION AND WORK STATUS OF COMMISSIONERS. The treatment of section 15.06 (3) (a) 4. and (c) of the statutes first applies to employment relations commissioners appointed to office on the effective date of this subsection.

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