



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 207
[2005 Assembly Bill 904]

**Appointment of Town Plan
Commission Members**

Act 207 addresses the appointment of members to a town plan commission. Under the Act, members continue to be appointed by the town board chairperson, but are subject to confirmation by the town board. The law on appointment of town plan commission members, as affected by Act 207, is described more fully below.

Towns With a Population of Less Than 2,500

Towns with a population of less than 2,500 continue to have the option of a five-member town plan commission. Members of the commission are appointed by the town board chair, subject to confirmation by the town board. The town board chair also selects the presiding officer. The chair may appoint town board members to the commission and may appoint other town elected or appointed officials to the commission, except that the commission must always have at least one citizen member who is not a town official. Appointees to the town planning commission may be removed only by a majority vote of the town board.

Towns With a Population of at Least 2,500

Towns with a population of at least 2,500 may create a town plan commission of seven members, all of whom are appointed by the town board chair, subject to confirmation by the town board. The town board chair selects the presiding officer of the commission. The town board chair may appoint town board members to the commission and may appoint other town elected or appointed officials to the commission, except that the commission must always have at least three citizen members who are not town officials. Appointments are made by the town board chair during the month of April for terms that expire in April or at any other time if a vacancy occurs during the middle of a term. Appointees to the commission may be removed before the expiration of the appointee's term by a majority vote of the town board.

Effective Date: Act 207 became effective April 10, 2006. It first applied to a vacancy in a town plan commission occurring on the effective date.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.