

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Senate Bill 457	Senate Substitute Amendment 1
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Current law provides that any employer, including a long-term care district, may become a participating employer under the Wisconsin Retirement System if the governing body of the employer adopts a resolution to elect to become a participating employer. If the Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) receives the official notice of election on or before November 15, the effective date of the employer's participation is the ensuing January 1. If ETF receives the official notice of election after November 15, the effective date of the employer's participation is the January 1 after the ensuing January 1. [s. 40.21 (1), Stats.]

2007 Senate Bill 457 provides that if the governing body of a long-term care district adopts a resolution to elect to become a participating employer under the Wisconsin Retirement System before *May 15 of any year* and ETF receives the official notice of election on or before May 15, the effective date of the participation of the long-term care district is the *ensuing July 1*.

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 provides that if the governing body of a long-term care district adopts a resolution to elect to become a participating employer under the Wisconsin Retirement System before *May 15, 2008*, and ETF receives the official notice of election on or before May 15, 2008, the effective date of the participation of the long-term care district is *July 1, 2008*.

Legislative History

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Vinehout. On February 26, 2008, the Senate Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long-Term Care and Privacy recommended adoption of the substitute amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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