1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 426

June 1, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives Handrick, Brandemuehl, Duff, Goetsch, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Musser, Owens, Seratti and Zukowski, cosponsored by Senators Buettner, Cowles, Darling, A. Lasee, Schultz and Zien. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

- AN ACT to amend 251.03 (1) of the statutes; relating to: the composition of local
- 2 boards of health.

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

A local board of health is the policy-making body for a local health department. Under current law, with certain exceptions, a local board of health must consist of not more than 9 members, at least 3 of whom are not elected officials or employes of the governing body that establishes the local health department and who have demonstrated an interest or competence in the field of public health or community health. Currently, in appointing these members, a good faith effort must be made to appoint a registered nurse and a physician. Current law also requires that the members of a local board of health reflect the diversity of the community.

This bill removes the requirement that a local board of health include at least 3 members who are not elected officials or employes of the governing body that establishes the local health department. Under the bill, the governing body that establishes the local health department may appoint any number of such persons to the local board of health. The bill also eliminates the requirement that a good faith effort be made to appoint a registered nurse and a physician to the local board of health. Finally, the bill eliminates the requirement that the members of a local board of health reflect the diversity of the community.

For further information see the *local* 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:

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At least 3 of these members shall be persons Any member who are is not an elected officials official or employes employe of the governing body that establishes the local health department and who shall have a demonstrated interest or competence in the field of public health or community health. In appointing the members who are not elected officials or employes, a good faith effort shall be made to appoint a registered nurse and a physician. Members of the local board of health shall reflect the diversity of the community. A county human services board under s. 46.23 (4) may act as a county board of health if the membership of the county human services board meets

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) Local boards of health; composition. This act first applies to an appointment made to a local board of health on the effective date of this subsection.

the qualifications specified in this subsection and if the county human services board

is authorized to act in that capacity by the county board of supervisors. If a county

human services board acts in this capacity, it shall use the word "health" in its title.

16 (END)