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January 24, 2007 – Introduced by Senators WIRCH, MILLER, CARPENTER, LASSA, RISSER, HANSEN, LEHMAN, BRESKE and SULLIVAN, cosponsored by Representatives BLACK, ZEPNICK, MOLEPSKE, SHERMAN, VAN AKKEREN, HUBLER, HEBL, BERCEAU, POPE-ROBERTS, POCAN, BOYLE and SMITH. Referred to Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

AN ACT *to amend* 15.05 (1) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** the appointment of the secretary of natural resources and vacancies on the Natural Resources Board.

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 change takes effect on January 3, 2011, which is inauguration day for most state constitutional officers.

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

SECTION 1. 15.05 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

15.05 **(1)** (c) The secretary of natural resources shall be nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, to serve at the pleasure of the governor. This paragraph does not apply after January 2, 2011.

SECTION 1m. 15.34 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

15.34 **(2)** (a) The natural resources board shall consist of 7 members appointed for staggered 6-year terms. Upon the expiration of the term of a member nominated after January 2, 2011, the position that was held by the member is vacant.

(END)