



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
STAFF MEMORANDUM**

Memo No. 15

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GREAT LAKES WATER RESOURCES COMPACT

FROM: John Stolzenberg, Chief of Research Services, and Rachel Letzing, Senior Staff Attorney

RE: Drafting Instructions on Miscellaneous Topics - Version 1

DATE: February 14, 2007

This Memo lists the drafting instructions provided by your committee at its November 13 and December 15, 2006 meetings and by Senator Neal Kedzie, chairperson of your committee, on various miscellaneous topics relating to implementation of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact (the "compact") not addressed by any of the three subcommittees of the committee.

DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS

- I. Governor's alternate on the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council (the council). [Proposed s. 281.343 (2) (c) in LRB-0058/P1.]
 - A. Specify that the alternate shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, require Senate confirmation, and be the Secretary of Natural Resources, or his or her designee who has knowledge of and experience with Great Lakes water management issues.
- II. Governor's advisor. [Proposed s. 281.343 (2) (e) in LRB-0058/P1.]
 - A. Specify that the alternate shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, require Senate confirmation, and have knowledge of and experience with Great Lakes water management issues.
- III. Relation of the Public Trust Doctrine to the compact.
 - A. Specify that nothing in the compact will affect the current application of the Public Trust Doctrine in Wisconsin.
- IV. Governor's effectuation of the compact. [Proposed s. 281.343 (9) (b) in LRB-0058/P1.]

- A. Establish that under s. 281.343 (9) (b) the Governor may take such actions as are necessary for the initial organization and operation of the Council.

Comment: This provision is based upon text in Ohio Am. Sub. H.B. No. 574, as passed by the House, 126th General Assembly, Regular Session, 2005-2006.

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