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2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 495

October 15, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives Danou, Zigmunt, Black, Vukmir, Molepske Jr., Radcliffe, Strachota, Vruwink, Sinicki, Mason and Van Roy. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

- 1 AN ACT to create 15.34 (2) (br) of the statutes; relating to: membership of the
- 2 Natural Resources Board.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Natural Resources Board consists of seven members nominated by the governor and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed for six-year terms. Current law requires that at least three of the members be from north, and at least three of the members be from south, of a line running east and west through the southern limits of the city of Stevens Point.

This bill requires that, beginning in 2014, at least three members of the Natural Resources Board have held a hunting, fishing, or trapping license in at least seven of the ten years before the year of nomination. At least one of those members must hold or have held a trapping license. If an individual served on active duty in the military during the ten years before nomination, the number of years in which the individual is required to have held an annual hunting, fishing, or trapping license equals the number of years, during those ten years, that the person was a full-year resident of this state divided by two.

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

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15.34 (2) (br) 1. At least 3 members of the natural resources board shall be individuals who held an annual hunting, fishing, or trapping license, in this state or another state, in at least 7 of the 10 years previous to the year in which the individual is nominated, except as provided in subd. 2. At least one of those members shall be an individual who holds or has held a trapping license. The governor shall request statewide organizations that are primarily interested in supporting hunting, fishing, or trapping to submit recommendations for nominees under this paragraph. The requirements of this paragraph apply to individuals who are members of the natural resources board on May 1, 2014, and thereafter.

2. If an individual served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces or national guard during the 10 years previous to the year in which the individual is nominated, the number of years in which the individual is required to have held an annual hunting, fishing, or trapping license equals the number of years, during those 10 years, that the person was a full-year resident of this state divided by 2.

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