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STATE UNITS ABOLISHED

The biennial state budget act (1997 Wisconsin Act 27), passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Tommy Thompson on October 11, 1997, eliminated 54 units of state government. The majority of the repeals took effect October 14, 1997, the day after publication of the act, but some have delayed effective dates.

The 1995-96 Legislature assigned the task of evaluating 144 state councils, offices, commissions and boards to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor in the 1995-97 executive budget act. Lt. Governor Scott McCallum submitted his report to the governor and cochairs of the Joint Committee on Finance on February 21, 1997. It recommended a reduction of 81 units through elimination, transfer of functions or sunset provisions. These recommendations were based on a survey of each unit, interviews, reports from each unit, outside evaluations and public hearings held around the state.

As passed by the legislature, the 1997-99 budget repealed the statutory authority for 57 state government units, including 6 that did not appear in the lieutenant governor's report (the Gaming Board and its 3 statutory divisions, the Permit Information and Regulatory Assistance Bureau and the Public Intervenor Board). However, the governor vetoed repeal of the Metallic Mining Council, the Council on Affirmative Action, and the Depository Selection Board, which he said "are making what I consider to be relevant contributions and should be retained."

In its final form, 1997 Act 27 eliminated 54 statutory units, which are listed below, according to effective date and in alphabetical order by key word.

Stat. Section	Unit Abolished	Related Department
	Effective 10/14/97	
15.467 (2)	Council on Aeronautics	Transportation
15.197 (22)	Council on American Indian Health	Health and Family Services
15.135 (3)	Animal Health and Disease Research Board	Agriculture
15.137 (2)	Animal Health and Disease Research Council	Agriculture
15.347 (18)	Aquatic Nuisance Control Council	Natural Resources
15.435 (2)	Badger Board	Revenue
15.377 (2)	Governor's Council on Business and Education Partnerships	Public Instruction
15.615 (1)	Board of State Canvassers	Elections Board
15.647 (1)	Council on Charitable Gaming	Gaming Board
15.227 (5)	Council on Child Labor	Workforce Development
15.227 (9)	Construction Wage Rate Council	Workforce Development
15.185 (2)	Consumer Credit Review Board	Financial Institutions
15.105 (26)	Educational Technology Board	Administration
15.617 (1)	Elections Advisory Council	Elections Board

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15.227 (1)	Equal Rights Council	Workforce Development
15.135 (5)	Farm Mediation and Arbitration Board	Agriculture
15.157 (15)	Fire Prevention Council	Commerce
15.947 (1)	Council on Fire Service Training Programs	Technical College
15.197 (21)	Council on Food Protection Practices	Health and Family Services
15.64	Gaming Board	Gaming Board
15.643 (1)	Gaming Board – Administrative Services Division	Gaming Board
15.643 (2)	Gaming Board – Gaming Security Division	Gaming Board
15.643 (3)	Gaming Board – Racing Division	Gaming Board
15.147 (1)	Gang Violence Prevention Council	Corrections
15.157 (5)	Hazardous Pollution Prevention Council	Commerce
15.737 (1)	Office of Health Care Information	Insurance Commissioner
15.707 (1)	Historical Markers Council	Historical Society
15.107 (4)	Housing Advisory Council	Administration
15.107 (15)	Council on Information Technology	Administration
15.347 (8)	Inland Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation Council	Natural Resources
15.377 (3)	Council on Instructional Telecommunications	Public Instruction
15.227 (14)	Labor Standards Council	Workforce Development
15.347 (19)	Nonmetallic Mining Council	Natural Resources
15.347 (11)	Off-the-Road Vehicle Council	Natural Resources
15.154 (1)	Permit Information and Regulatory Assistance Bureau	Commerce
15.195 (1)	Pesticide Review Board	Health and Family Services
15.577 (1)	Council on Public Radio	Educ. Communications Bd.
15.577 (2)	Council on Public Television	Educ. Communications Bd.
15.197 (12)	Radiation Protection Council	Health and Family Services
15.735 (1)	Small Employer Insurance Board	Insurance Commissioner
15.107 (14)	Council on State-Local Relations	Administration
15.377 (7m)	Council on Suicide Prevention	Public Instruction
15.467 (1)	Council on Traffic Law Enforcement	Transportation
15.187 (1)	Uniform Commercial Code Statewide Lien System Council	Financial Institutions
15.257 (1)	University and Crime Laboratories Cooperation Council	Justice
Effective 11/12/97		
15.345 (4)	Public Intervenor Board	Natural Resources
Effective 12/31/97		
15.375 (1)	American Indian Language and Culture Education Board	Public Instruction
Effective 07/01/98		
15.315 (1)	State Emergency Response Board	Military Affairs
15.195 (3)	Board on Hunger	Health and Family Services
15.707 (2)	Submerged Cultural Resources Council	Historical Society
Effective 07/01/99		
15.137 (4)	Agricultural Chemical Cleanup Council	Agriculture
Effective 06/30/01		
15.155 (2)	Recycling Market Development Board	Commerce
Effective 07/01/01		
15.915 (3)	Pharmacy Internship Board	UW System
Effective 07/01/03		
15.105 (16)	Land Information Board	Administration