**Fiscal Facts: Wisconsin’s Legislature**

The Wisconsin legislature is made up of two separate bodies (or houses), called the Senate and the Assembly. The Senate has 33 members. Each senator serves a four-year term and is usually elected on a political party ticket from one of the state’s 33 senate districts in a November general election. Senators are elected in two groups. Those in even-numbered districts are elected together; those in odd-numbered districts are elected two years later. This allows the terms of office to overlap so that about half of the senators are elected every two years.

The Assembly is composed of 99 members called representatives. Each representative is elected in the November general election from a single district. Every assembly candidate runs for a two-year term of office, usually on a party ticket. (Each senate district contains three assembly districts.)

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