



2005 SENATE BILL 110

March 10, 2005 - Introduced by Senators MILLER, ERPENBACH, LASSA, WIRCH, RISSER and COGGS, cosponsored by Representatives POPE-ROBERTS, BOYLE, BERCEAU, POCAN, PARISI, BLACK, MOLEPSKE, SEIDEL, ZEPNICK and LEHMAN. Referred to Committee on Energy, Utilities and Information Technology.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 196.378 (3) (a); and *to create* 196.378 (2) (a) 7. of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** renewable resource requirements for electric utilities and
3 cooperatives.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, electric utilities and cooperatives must comply with deadlines for providing electricity derived from renewable resources to their customers and members in specified percentages of their total retail electric sales. The percentages and deadlines are as follows: 1.2 percent by December 31, 2005; 1.55 percent by December 31, 2007; 1.9 percent by December 31, 2009; and 2.2 percent by December 31, 2011. The percentages may be satisfied by providing electricity derived from renewable resources directly to customers and members or by purchasing renewable resource credits from other electric utilities and cooperatives.

This bill creates an additional deadline. Under this bill, by December 31, 2016, 15 percent of an electric utility's or cooperative's retail electric sales must be derived from renewable resources. As under current law, electric utilities and cooperatives may satisfy percentage requirements by providing electricity derived from renewable resources directly to its customers and members or by purchasing renewable resource credits from another electric utility or cooperative.

