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2023 SENATE BILL 138

March 23, 2023 - Introduced by Senators SMITH, ROYS, CABRAL-GUEVARA and STROEBEL, cosponsored by Representatives HONG, ALLEN, J. ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BALDEH, BEHNKE, CLANCY, CONLEY, EMERSON, HAYWOOD, JACOBSON, JOERS, MOORE OMOKUNDE, MYERS, OHNSTAD, ORTIZ-VELEZ, RATCLIFF, SHELTON, SNODGRASS, STUBBS and SINICKI. Referred to Committee on Government Operations, Elections and Consumer Protection.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 13.92 (1) (a) 5., 13.94 (1) (c), 35.84 (intro.) and (figure) column
2 E (title), 84.02 (5) (b) and 84.02 (5) (c); and **to create** 35.84 (figure) column F
3 of the statutes; **relating to:** the distribution of the Wisconsin Blue Book and
4 highway maps.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill reduces the number of Blue Books that the Department of Administration is required to distribute. First, the bill eliminates the requirement that Blue Books be distributed to entities such as constitutional officers, legislative service agencies, state agencies, libraries, and educational institutions. Second, the bill requires the Legislative Reference Bureau, before entering into a contract to print the Blue Book, to ask each legislative office how many, if any, copies the office would like. The bill sets a cap at 350 Blue Books for an assembly office and 600 Blue Books for a senate office, which is the number each such office receives under current law. The bill also requires the LRB to inform each office that the Blue Book is available online when asking how many printed copies the office wants.

The bill also eliminates the requirement that the Department of Transportation automatically provide legislative members and officers and the LRB highway service maps and folded highway maps. Under the bill, members of the legislature may request and receive up to 50 highway service maps and up to 500 folded highway maps at no charge.

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For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 13.92 (1) (a) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 13.92 (1) (a) 5. Prepare copy for the biennial Wisconsin Blue Book. Before
3 contractually committing to the number of copies to be printed each biennium, the
4 legislative reference bureau shall contact each legislative office to ask how many
5 copies of the Blue Book, if any, that office requests. The legislative reference bureau
6 shall inform each office that the Blue Book is available online. The number
7 requested from each legislative office may not exceed the cap under s. 35.84.

8 **SECTION 2.** 13.94 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 13.94 (1) (c) At the state auditor's discretion or as the joint legislative audit
10 committee directs, audit the central accounting records of the department of
11 administration. A detailed report of such audit shall be filed as provided by par. (b),
12 and copies shall be provided to each member or member-elect of the legislature and
13 shall be available in limited number to the public. The bureau shall also prepare a
14 summary of such audit report, for distribution in the same manner as the Wisconsin
15 ~~Blue Book~~ as provided under s. 35.84.

16 **SECTION 3.** 35.84 (intro.) and (figure) column E (title) of the statutes are
17 amended to read:

18 **35.84 Distribution, to whom.** (intro.) The department shall make
19 distribution of official documents as indicated and shall charge the appropriations
20 of the state agency publishing or arranging for publication of each official document
21 for the total cost of distribution as determined under s. 35.80. Distribution is

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1 automatic unless indicated otherwise or except that, with respect to the Blue Book,
2 the distribution shall be as determined under s. 13.92 (1) (a) 5. [See Figure 35.84
3 following]

4 Column E (title) ~~Blue Books~~ Audit Report Summaries; s. ~~35.24 (1)~~ 13.94 (1) (c)

5 **SECTION 4.** 35.84 (figure) column F of the statutes is created to read:

6 35.84 (figure) column F Blue Books; s. 35.24 (1)

7 10. Each Senator see s. 13.92 (1) (a) 5.; cap 600

8 11. Each Representative to the Assembly

see s. 13.92 (1) (a) 5.; cap 350

9 **SECTION 5.** 84.02 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 84.02 (5) (b) Upon publication of the highway service maps, the department
11 shall contact each member of the legislature to ask how many copies of the highway
12 service maps, if any, that member requests. The department shall distribute the
13 requested maps without charge ~~50 of these maps to each officer and member of the~~
14 legislature. The number of highway service maps requested from each member of
15 the legislature may not exceed 50. Any officer ~~or~~ member of the legislature may
16 request additional highway service maps. ~~The~~ A request may be written or oral. The
17 fee for the additional maps shall be the fee set by the department under par. (a).

18 **SECTION 6.** 84.02 (5) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 84.02 (5) (c) Upon publication of the folded highway maps, the department
20 shall contact each member of the legislature to ask how many copies of the folded
21 highway maps, if any, that member requests. The department shall distribute the
22 requested maps without charge ~~500 of these maps to each officer and member of the~~
23 legislature and 300 of these maps to the legislative reference bureau. Any officer or
24 member of the legislature may request additional folded highway maps. The request

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1 ~~may be written or oral. No charge may be made for the additional folded highway~~
2 ~~maps. The number of folded highway maps requested from each member of the~~
3 ~~legislature may not exceed 500.~~

4 (END)