



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 307

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 196.504 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes; **relating to:** eligible
2 applicants under the broadband expansion grant program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

2013 Wisconsin Act 20 created the broadband expansion grant program. Under the program, the Public Service Commission (PSC), makes broadband expansion grants to eligible applicants for the purpose of constructing broadband infrastructure in underserved areas designated by PSC. Under current law an “eligible applicant” is any of the following: 1) an organization, 2) a telecommunications utility, or 3) a city, village, town, or county that submits an application in partnership with an eligible applicant identified in 1) or 2).

Under this bill, a school district, technical college district, or public library board that submits an application in partnership with an organization or a telecommunications utility is also an “eligible applicant.”

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 196.504 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes, as created by 2013 Wisconsin Act
4 20, is amended to read:

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SECTION 1

1 196.504 (1) (a) 3. A city, village, town, or county, school district, technical
2 college district, or public library board that submits an application in partnership
3 with an eligible applicant under subd. 1. or 2.

4 (END)