

**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
**FROM THE**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

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Senator Huelsman:

I have made a number of changes in this bill from the version contained in WLC 0115/1 to avoid confusion with current law and to make the provisions contained in the bill consistent with current law.

Current law, with regard to town boards and town sanitary district commissions, allows gatherings at public works projects or highway, street, or alley projects to inspect work that has been completed or that is in progress if the chairperson of the board or commission, or a designee, notifies by telephone or fax those news media who have filed a written request for notice of such inspection in relation to the project. The chairperson or designee is also required to submit a report at the board's or commission's next meeting which describes the inspection, and the board or commission may not take any official action at the site.

In the bill, in the areas dealing with projects that are under consideration or that have been proposed or approved by the governing bodies, I added the phrase, "but with regard to which no construction has begun," to avoid an overlap, and confusion, with ss. 60.50 (6) and 60.77 (5) (k) because those statutes already deal with inspections of public works projects with regard to which work has been completed or that is in progress.

I also added in the statutes that are created in this bill the same advance news media notification requirements that exist under current law to keep these created statutes consistent with the similar provisions that are in current law. I don't know, as a practical matter, how many news media have requested advance notification under ss. 60.50 (6) and 60.77 (5) (k) in the 5 years during which these statutes have been in effect, but you may wish to contact the Wisconsin Towns Association to see what the effect of these statutes has been.

Finally, I combined in created s. 62.14 (6) (am) the provisions of ss. 62.14 (8) and 62.22 (5) from WLC 0115/1

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