



## 2001 SENATE BILL 132

April 11, 2001 - Introduced by Senators RISSER and ROSENZWEIG, cosponsored by Representatives FREESE and BERCEAU. Referred to Committee on Universities, Housing, and Government Operations.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 15.70 (intro.), 44.01 (1) and 73.03 (2a) of the statutes; **relating**  
2     **to:** changing the name of the state historical society.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill changes the name of the state historical society of Wisconsin to the Wisconsin historical society.

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

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

3     **SECTION 1.** 15.70 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

4     **15.70 Historical society.** (intro.) There is continued the state Wisconsin  
5     historical society of Wisconsin initially organized under chapter 17, laws of 1853, to  
6     be known for statutory purposes as the historical society, under the direction and  
7     supervision of a board of curators. The board of curators is not subject to s. 15.07.

8     The board of curators shall consist of:

**SENATE BILL 132****SECTION 2**

1           **SECTION 2.** 44.01 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           44.01 (1) The historical society shall constitute a body politic and corporate by  
3 the name of “The State Wisconsin Historical Society of ~~Wisconsin~~,” and shall possess  
4 all the powers necessary to accomplish the objects and perform the duties prescribed  
5 by law. The historical society shall be an official agency and the trustee of the state.

6           **SECTION 3.** 73.03 (2a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7           73.03 (2a) To prepare, have published, and distribute to each property tax  
8 assessor and to others who so request assessment manuals. The manual shall  
9 discuss and illustrate accepted assessment methods, techniques, and practices with  
10 a view to more nearly uniform and more consistent assessments of property at the  
11 local level. The manual shall be amended by the department from time to time to  
12 reflect advances in the science of assessment, court decisions concerning assessment  
13 practices, costs, and statistical and other information considered valuable to local  
14 assessors by the department. The manual shall incorporate standards for the  
15 assessment of all types of renewable energy resource systems used in this state as  
16 soon as such systems are used in sufficient numbers and sufficient data exists to  
17 allow the formulation of valid guidelines. The manual shall incorporate standards,  
18 which the department of revenue and the state Wisconsin historical society of  
19 ~~Wisconsin~~ shall develop, for the assessment of nonhistoric property in historic  
20 districts and for the assessment of historic property, including but not limited to  
21 property that is being preserved or restored; property that is subject to a protective  
22 easement, covenant, or other restriction for historic preservation purposes; property  
23 that is listed in the national register of historic places in Wisconsin or in this state’s  
24 register of historic places; and property that is designated as a historic landmark and  
25 is subject to restrictions imposed by a municipality or by a landmarks commission.

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1 The manual shall incorporate general guidelines about ways to determine whether  
2 property is taxable in part under s. 70.1105 and examples of the ways that s. 70.1105  
3 applies in specific situations. The manual shall state that assessors are required to  
4 comply with s. 70.32 (1g) and shall suggest procedures for doing so. The manual or  
5 a supplement to it shall specify per acre value guidelines for each municipality for  
6 various categories of agricultural land based on the income that could be generated  
7 from its estimated rental for agricultural use, as defined by rule, and capitalization  
8 rates established by rule. The manual shall include guidelines for classifying land  
9 as agricultural land, as defined in s. 70.32 (2) (c) 1., and guidelines for distinguishing  
10 between land and improvements to land. The cost of the development, preparation,  
11 publication, and distribution of the manual and of revisions and amendments to it  
12 shall be borne by the assessors and requesters at an individual volume cost or a  
13 subscription cost as determined by the department. All receipts shall be credited to  
14 the appropriation under s. 20.566 (2) (hi). The department may provide free  
15 assessment manuals to other state agencies or exchange them at no cost with  
16 agencies of other states or of the federal government for similar information or  
17 publications.

**SECTION 4. Effective date.**

18 (1) This act takes effect on first day of the 4th month beginning after  
19 publication.  
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21 (END)