February 22, 2005 – Introduced by Senators RISSER and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representative POCAN. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy.

AN ACT to repeal and recreate 137.01 (9) of the statutes; relating to: fees charged by notary publics.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a notary public may receive the following fees:

1. For drawing and copying a protest of the nonpayment of a promissory note or bill of exchange, $1.

2. For drawing and copying any protest other than those listed in item 1, above, 50 cents.

3. For drawing, copying and serving every notice of nonpayment of a note or bill, or nonacceptance of such a bill, 50 cents.

4. For drawing any affidavit or other paper or proceeding, 50 cents per page and 12 cents per copy.

5. For taking the acknowledgement of deeds and for other services authorized by law, the same fees as are allowed to other officials for similar services, but not to exceed 50 cents per document.

Under this bill, a notary public may charge a reasonable fee, not to exceed $5, for any service that he or she provides in his or her capacity as a notary public.

For further information see the state and local 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:
SECTION 1. 137.01 (9) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

137.01 (9) Fees. A notary public may charge a reasonable fee, not to exceed $5, for any service that he or she provides in his or her capacity as a notary public.

(END)