

1975 Assembly Bill 149

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## CHAPTER 45, Laws of 1975

AN ACT to amend 77.02 (2) of the statutes, relating to notice of a petition to have lands be approved as "Forest Croplands".

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

77.02 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

77.02 (2) NOTICE OF HEARING, ADJOURNMENT. Upon receipt of such petition the department of natural resources shall investigate the same and shall file a listing of descriptions with the town chairman. For petitions received prior to September 1, the department shall within the same calendar year cause a notice that such petition has been filed to be published as a class 4 3 notice, under ch. 985, in a the newspaper having the largest general circulation in the county in which the lands are located, and notice by registered mail shall be given to the town clerk of any town in which the lands are located. Such notice shall contain the name of the petitioner, a description of the lands and a statement that any resident of or taxpayer in the town may within 15 days from the date of publication of the notice file a request with the department that it conduct a public hearing on the petition. Upon receipt of such a request the department shall conduct a public hearing on the petition. The department may conduct a public hearing on any petition without a request, if it deems it advisable to do so. Notice of the time and place of such hearing and a description, in specific or general terms, as the department deems advisable, of the property requested to be approved as "Forest Croplands" shall be given to persons making the request, the owner of such land and to the assessor of towns in which it is situated, by mail, at least one week before the day of hearing. The notice also shall be published as a class 1 notice, under ch. 985, in a newspaper having general circulation in the county in which such land is located, at least one week before the day of the hearing. Such hearing may be adjourned and no notice of the time and place of such adjourned

hearing need be given, excepting the announcement thereof by the presiding officer at the hearing at which the adjournment is had.

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