



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2003 Wisconsin Act 214 [2003 Assembly Bill 678]	Town Highway Law Recodification
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2003 Wisconsin Act 214 was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Recodification of Town Highway Statutes. That committee was directed to recodify chs. 80 and 81 and any matters related to those statutes.

The Special Committee was instructed that the recodification may include a study of the reorganization of the chapter in a logical manner, renumbering and retitling sections, consolidating related provisions, modernizing language, resolving ambiguities in language, codifying court decisions, and making minor substantive changes.

The Act:

1. Reorganizes chs. 80 and 81 by:
 - a. Moving most of the provisions in current chs. 80 and 81 into a new ch. 82. The Special Committee decided to create ch. 82 in order to avoid confusion between the original and the recodified law.
 - b. Arranging the provisions of the new ch. 82 into a logical order. The bill creates four subchapters.
 - c. Reorganizing some of the individual sections within current chs. 80 and 81 by combining them with other sections, dividing single sections into multiple sections, and internally reorganizing single sections.
 - d. Relocating whole or partial sections of current chs. 80 and 81 outside of the new ch. 82. This was done mainly for provisions that apply to municipalities other than towns.

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.

2. Makes nonsubstantive changes to modernize language and reflect modern drafting style.
3. Repeals several sections of current chs. 80 and 81 that the Special Committee concluded were unnecessary.
4. Makes substantive changes.

To aid in locating the renumbered sections, a table is located at the end of the Act that identifies the treatment of each of the provisions in current chs. 80 and 81.

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