



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2005 Wisconsin Act 41**  
[2005 Assembly Bill 107]

### **Cutoff Time for Receipt of Documents and Other Register of Deeds-Related Changes**

2005 Wisconsin Act 41:

- Changes, from 1/2 hour to one hour before the official close of business, the cutoff time for receipt of documents that a county register of deeds is permitted in order to complete the processing, recording, and indexing of documents submitted that day. (Under the Act, the county board determines whether the cutoff time is one hour before the close of the official business day.)
- Changes the current statutory requirement that the county highway register be kept at the county register of deeds office to instead require that it be kept in a location within the county that provides a safe repository for records, as determined by the county board, and which is accessible to the public.
- Authorizes the register of deeds and county real property lister to agree to waive the recording of the property tax bill in probate proceedings for administrative termination of a joint tenancy or life estate and for summary confirmation of interests in property.
- Creates a definition of “legal description” for purposes of ch. 706, Stats. (Conveyances of Real Property; Recording; Titles).
- Makes various technical changes to facilitate and modernize the recording of certain real estate and tax lien documents (including certain federal income tax lien forms; instruments giving notice of an interest in land that are part of an assessor’s plat; cemetery plats; subdivision plats; certified survey maps; condominium plats; and time-share maps and plans).

**Effective Date:** The effective date of Act 41 was September 1, 2005.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.