## 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 177

March 8, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives La Fave, Sykora, Stone, Sinicki, Albers, Miller, Musser, Sherman, F. Lasee and Hasenohrl, cosponsored by Senators Robson, Huelsman, Darling and Farrow. Referred to Committee on Housing.

- 1 AN ACT to amend 66.05 (9) (c) of the statutes; relating to: the razing of a historic
- 2 building following preparation of a historic record of the building by the state
- 3 historical society.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the state historical society (society) is required to notify a city, village, town or county (municipality) of any historic building that is located in the municipality. If an order is issued to raze a historic building, if an application is made to raze a historic building or if a municipality intends to raze a historic building, the municipality in which the building is located is required to notify the society of the order, application or intent. No historic building may be razed under current law for 30 days after the notice is given. During the 30-day period, the society has access to the historic building to create or preserve a historic record.

Under this bill, the society may authorize the person who intends to raze the historic building to commence with the razing before the end of the 30-day period if the society has completed its documentation of the historic building.

For further information see the *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:

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**SECTION 1.** 66.05 (9) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.05 (9) (c) If an order is issued under this section to raze and remove a historic building and restore the site to a dust-free and erosion-free condition, an application is made for a permit to raze and remove a historic building and restore the site to a dust-free and erosion-free condition or a municipality intends to raze and remove a municipally owned historic building and restore the site to a dust-free and erosion-free condition, the municipality in which the historic building is located shall notify the state historical society of the order, application or intent. No historic building may be razed and removed nor the site restored to a dust-free and erosion-free condition for 30 days after the notice is given, unless a shorter period is authorized by the state historical society. During the 30-day period, the state historical society shall have access to the historic building to create or preserve a historic record. If the state historical society completes its creation or preservation of a historic record before the end of the 30-day period, the society may waive its right to access the building and may authorize the person who intends to raze and remove the building, and restore the site to a dust-free and erosion-free condition, to proceed before the end of such period.

18 (END)