

State of Misconsin 2003 - 2004 LEGISLATURE

2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 528

September 18, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives Kaufert, D. Meyer, Huebsch, Ward, Rhoades, Stone, Gard, Albers, M. Williams, Towns, Lothian, LeMahieu, Vrakas, Suder, Seratti, Hahn, Hines, Owens, Ainsworth, Nass, F. Lasee, Olsen, Musser, Hundertmark, McCormick, Van Roy and Weber, cosponsored by Senators Darling, S. Fitzgerald, Harsdorf, Kanavas, Lazich, Welch, Schultz, Zien and Stepp. Referred to Committee on Property Rights and Land Management.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 23.0917 (5m) (a); and *to create* 23.0917 (6m) of the statutes;

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relating to: Joint Committee on Finance review of stewardship acquisitions.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Before 2003 Wisconsin Act 33, the 2003–05 budget bill, if a land acquisition or development project under the stewardship program would cost more than \$250,000, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) could not obligate money from the stewardship fund for that activity until DNR gave written notice of the proposed activity to the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) and gave JCF time to respond to that notice. If the chairpersons of JCF did not notify DNR within 14 days after the date of the DNR's notification that JCF had scheduled a meeting to review the proposed activity, DNR could obligate the money. If the cochairpersons notified DNR that JCF had scheduled a meeting to review the proposed activity, DNR could obligate the money only if JCF approved the proposed activity.

2003 Wisconsin Act 33, as affected by the vetoes, eliminates the requirement that the DNR proposed land acquisition and development projects under the stewardship program be subject to the JCF 14-day passive review process.

This bill reinstates the JCF review of stewardship land acquisition and development projects as it existed before the passage of 2003 Wisconsin Act 33.

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

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1	SECTION 1. 23.0917 (5m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
2	23.0917 (5m) (a) Beginning in fiscal year 1999–2000, the department, subject
3	to the approval of the governor and the joint committee on finance under sub. (6)
4	(6m), may obligate under the subprogram for land acquisition any amount not in
5	excess of the total bonding authority for that subprogram for the acquisition of land.
6	SECTION 2. 23.0917 (6m) of the statutes is created to read:
7	23.0917 (6m) REVIEW BY JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE. (a) The department may
8	not obligate from the appropriation under s. 20.866 (2) (ta) for a given project or
9	activity any moneys unless it first notifies the joint committee on finance in writing
10	of the proposal. If the cochairpersons of the committee do not notify the department
11	within 14 working days after the date of the department's notification that the
12	committee has scheduled a meeting to review the proposal, the department may
13	obligate the moneys. If, within 14 working days after the date of the notification by
14	the department, the cochairpersons of the committee notify the department that the
15	committee has scheduled a meeting to review the proposal, the department may
16	obligate the moneys only upon approval of the committee.

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- 17 (b) Paragraph (a) applies only to an amount for a project or activity that exceeds
 18 \$250,000, except as provided in par. (c).
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(END)

(c) Paragraph (a) applies to any land acquisition under sub. (5m).