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2005 SENATE BILL 110

March 10, 2005 – Introduced by Senators Miller, Erpenbach, Lassa, Wirch, Risser and Coggs, cosponsored by Representatives Pope-Roberts, Boyle, Berceau, Pocan, Parisi, Black, Molepske, Seidel, Zepnick and Lehman. Referred to Committee on Energy, Utilities and Information Technology.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 196.378 (3) (a); and *to create* 196.378 (2) (a) 7. of the statutes;
- relating to: renewable resource requirements for electric utilities and cooperatives.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, electric utilities and cooperatives must comply with deadlines for providing electricity derived from renewable resources to their customers and members in specified percentages of their total retail electric sales. The percentages and deadlines are as follows: 1.2 percent by December 31, 2005; 1.55 percent by December 31, 2007; 1.9 percent by December 31, 2009; and 2.2 percent by December 31, 2011. The percentages may be satisfied by providing electricity derived from renewable resources directly to customers and members or by purchasing renewable resource credits from other electric utilities and cooperatives.

This bill creates an additional deadline. Under this bill, by December 31, 2016, 15 percent of an electric utility's or cooperative's retail electric sales must be derived from renewable resources. As under current law, electric utilities and cooperatives may satisfy percentage requirements by providing electricity derived from renewable resources directly to its customers and members or by purchasing renewable resource credits from another electric utility or cooperative.

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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:

1 **Section 1.** 196.378 (2) (a) 7. of the statutes is created to read: $\mathbf{2}$ 196.378 (2) (a) 7. By December 31, 2016, 15 percent. 3 **Section 2.** 196.378 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read: 4 196.378 (3) (a) An electric provider that provides total renewable energy to its 5 retail electric customers or members in excess of the percentages specified in sub. (2) (a) 1. to 6. 7. may, in the applicable year, sell to any other electric provider a renewable 6 7 resource credit or a portion of a renewable resource credit at any negotiated price. 8 Alternatively, an electric provider may use a renewable resource credit or portion of 9 a renewable resource credit in a subsequent year to establish compliance with sub. 10 (2) (a). The commission shall promulgate rules that establish requirements for the 11 use of a renewable resource credit, including calculating the amount of a renewable 12 resource credit.

13 (END)