



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 958

April 15, 2010 – Introduced by Representatives SUDER, VOS, ZIGMUNT, SPANBAUER, BROOKS and RIPP, cosponsored by Senators KREITLOW, DECKER, TAYLOR, COWLES and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to renumber* 29.037; and *to create* 29.037 (2) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** review by the Joint Committee on Finance of the expenditure of certain
3 federal funds by the Department of Natural Resources.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, this state receives federal funds under the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, commonly known as the Pittman–Robertson Act (federal act), to assist this state in implementing certain wildlife restoration projects. Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is authorized and directed to perform any acts necessary to establish cooperative wildlife restoration projects in compliance with the federal act. This bill prohibits DNR from expending any federal funds received under the federal act unless it first notifies the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) in writing of the project or activity for which it proposes to expend those funds. Under the bill, JCF may schedule a meeting to review DNR's proposal within a specified period of time. If JCF does not schedule such a meeting within that time, DNR may expend the funds as proposed. If JCF does schedule a meeting, then DNR may not expend the funds until the project or activity is approved by JCF.

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

