



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 629

October 29, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives AINSWORTH, FRISKE, GARD, GRONEMUS, HINES, HUNDERTMARK, LEMAHIEU, LOTHIAN, MCCORMICK, MONTGOMERY, MUSSER, OLSEN, OTT, OWENS and SERATTI, cosponsored by Senators COWLES, LASSA, SCHULTZ and WELCH. Referred to Committee on Forestry.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 28.11 (5) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** the plan period for
2 county forest land use plans.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a county board may enact an ordinance designating a committee to manage lands designated as county forests in that county. A comprehensive county forest land use plan must be prepared for the county forest land by that committee. The plan must include land use designations, land acquisition, forest protection, annual allowable timber harvests, recreational developments, projects to be undertaken during the plan period, and other information. The plan must be prepared for a 10-year period.

This bill requires that each county forest land use plan be prepared for a 15-year period rather than a 10-year period.

For further information see the ***state and 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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 28.11 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 28.11 (5) (a) A comprehensive county forest land use plan shall be prepared for
5 a ~~10-year~~ 15-year period by the county forestry committee with the assistance of

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1 technical personnel from the department and other interested agencies, and shall be
2 approved by the county board and the department. The plan shall include land use
3 designations, land acquisition, forest protection, annual allowable timber harvests,
4 recreational developments, fish and wildlife management activities, roads,
5 silvicultural operations and operating policies and procedures; it shall include a
6 complete inventory of the county forest and shall be documented with maps, records
7 and priorities showing in detail the various projects to be undertaken during the plan
8 period. The plan may include an application for aids under s. 23.09 (17m). The
9 application will be considered an annual application for these aids during the
10 ~~10-year~~ 15-year period of the plan. The initial plan ~~shall be completed within 2~~
11 ~~years from October 2, 1963 and may be revised as changing conditions require and~~
12 ~~shall be revised upon expiration of the plan period. Upon the expiration of the initial~~
13 15-year plan period, and upon expiration of each subsequent 15-year plan period,
14 the plan shall be revised and shall be in effect for another 15-year period.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

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16 (1) This act first applies to county forest land use plans prepared or revised on
17 the effective date of this subsection.

18 (END)