



2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 249

May 29, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives VOS, CONSIDINE, DUCHOW, KRUG, MURSAU, PETERSEN, RAMTHUN, SCHRAA, SKOWRONSKI, SPIROS, SUBECK and TUSLER, cosponsored by Senator PETROWSKI. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to create** 13.087 of the statutes; **relating to:** bills making honorary
2 designations of state highways or bridges.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides standards related to bills making honorary designations of state highways or bridges.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 13.087 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **13.087 Bills for honorary designation of a highway or bridge.** (1) No
5 house of the legislature may pass a bill that designates a state highway or bridge in
6 honor of a person unless all of the following are satisfied:
7 (a) The honoree has been deceased for more than 5 years.
8 (b) The honoree was a legal resident of the state at the time of his or her death.
9 (c) The honoree has provided extraordinary public service, a substantial and
10 proven contribution to the public good, or outstanding service to the nation as

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1 exemplified by a particular event or episode. The event or episode referenced in this
2 paragraph shall be substantiated by reliable sources and be recognized by at least
3 one significant state or federal award or recognition or honor of similar prestige.

4 (d) The designation reflects a community consensus and is without opposition
5 in the community in which the highway or bridge is located.

6 (e) The honoree has a strong connection to a community in which the highway
7 or bridge is located and to the state.

8 (f) The designation is part of a plan for continued recognition of the honoree
9 preexisting to introduction of the bill. A plan under this paragraph shall include the
10 provision of honors prior to a public hearing on the bill and may include state or
11 national awards, memorials, or scholarships.

12 (g) The designation is without cost to the state.

13 (h) Except as provided in this paragraph, the proposed designation does not
14 supersede an existing designation. A designation may supersede an existing
15 designation if, as substantiated by at least 4 sources, information not considered at
16 the time of original designation is discovered demonstrating that the existing
17 designation would not have been made had the information been known or that the
18 existing honoree's actions reflect negatively on the community in which the highway
19 or bridge is located or on the state.

20 (i) The bill identifies the specific highway segment or bridge being designated.

21 (j) The author of the bill represents the district in which the highway or bridge
22 is located.

23 **(2)** No house of the legislature may pass a bill that designates a state highway
24 or bridge in honor of a group or entity.

25 (END)