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1971 Assembly Bill 980

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CHAPTER 186, Laws of 1971

AN ACT to amend 83.027 (1) of the statutes, relating to county designation of controlled-access highways.

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

83.027 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

83.027 (1) **AUTHORITY OF COUNTY BOARD; PROCEDURE.** The legislature declares that the effective control of traffic entering upon or leaving intensively traveled highways is necessary in the interest of public safety, convenience and the general welfare. The county board may designate as controlled-access highways the portions of the county trunk system on which, after traffic engineering surveys, investigations and studies, it finds, determines and declares that the average traffic potential is in excess of ~~2,000~~ 1,000 vehicles per 24-hour day, except such controlled-access designation shall not be effective in incorporated villages and cities until the decision of the county board has been referred to and approved by the governing body of such village or city. Such designation of a portion of any county trunk highway in any county as a controlled-access highway shall not be effected until after a public hearing in the matter has been held in the county courthouse or other convenient public place within the county following notice by publication of a class 3 notice, under ch. 985. If the county board then finds that the average traffic potential is as provided by this subsection, and that the designation of the highway as a controlled-access highway is necessary in the interest of public safety, convenience and the general welfare, it shall make its finding, determination and declaration to that effect, specifying the character of the controls to be exercised. Copies of the finding, determination and declaration shall be recorded with the register of deeds, filed with the county clerk, and published in the newspaper in which the notice of hearing was published, and the order shall be effective on such publication. At the time of designating such controlled-access mileage, the total of such mileage in any county shall not exceed ~~40%~~ 35% of the county trunk mileage in such county on the preceding January 1 as published by the highway commission.
