



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 998

May 18, 2004 – Introduced by COMMITTEE ON ASSEMBLY ORGANIZATION. Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 14.035; and *to create* 14.035 (2) and 19.85 (1)
2 (hm) of the statutes; **relating to:** approval of Indian gaming compacts.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the governor, on behalf of the state, is authorized to negotiate and enter into gaming compacts to regulate the operation of Indian gaming facilities. These compacts are regulated by the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

This bill provides that before the governor enters into, amends, extends, or renews an Indian gaming compact, the governor must submit the proposed compact to the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization (JCLO). The bill prohibits the governor from finalizing a compact unless it is approved by JCLO and the legislature. If JCLO approves a proposed compact, JCLO must introduce the proposed compact as a bill and inform the legislature that JCLO approves the proposed compact and recommends passage of the bill without change. If either JCLO or the legislature fails to approve a proposed gaming compact, the gaming compact is returned to the governor for renegotiation. Finally, the bill specifically provides that any meeting by JCLO to consider the proposed compact may be conducted in closed session.

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

