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2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 351

October 31, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives AUGUST, WYNN, KUGLITSCH, CRAIG, KAPENGA, KOOYENGA, LITJENS, STRACHOTA and TIFFANY. Referred to Committee on Homeland Security and State Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 1.10 (4), 13.92 (1) (a) 5., 13.92 (1) (e) 4., 13.92 (2) (c), the
2 unnumbered subchapter title preceding section 35.24, 35.24 and 35.84 (figure)
3 column E; and **to amend** 13.94 (1) (c), 35.01 (2), 35.50 (2), 35.52 and 35.91 (2)
4 of the statutes; **relating to:** discontinuance of the printing and publication of
5 the Wisconsin Blue Book.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, the Legislative Reference Bureau compiles and publishes biennially the Wisconsin Blue Book. The Blue Book must contain the biographies and pictures of state officers, including all senators and representatives to the assembly and the officers of each house, information relating to the organization of Wisconsin state government, and statistical and other general information relating to Wisconsin's history, economy, recreation, and culture. The Blue Book is required to be compiled in such a way as to make it useful in civics classes in schools. The statutes require specified numbers of copies to be distributed at state expense to legislators and other state and local agencies and officials, public libraries, document depositories, colleges, technical colleges, and public and private schools, and newspapers.

This bill discontinues compilation, publication, and distribution of the Wisconsin Blue Book following with the 2011–12 edition.

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For further information see the *state* 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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 1.10 (4) of the statutes is repealed.

2 **SECTION 2.** 13.92 (1) (a) 5. of the statutes is repealed.

3 **SECTION 3.** 13.92 (1) (e) 4. of the statutes is repealed.

4 **SECTION 4.** 13.92 (2) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

5 **SECTION 5.** 13.94 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 13.94 (1) (c) Audit the central accounting records of the department of
7 administration at least once every 2 years. A detailed report of such audit shall be
8 filed as provided by par. (b), and copies shall be provided to each member or
9 member-elect of the legislature and shall be available in limited number to the
10 public. The bureau shall also prepare a summary of such audit report, for
11 distribution ~~in the same manner as the Wisconsin Blue Book under~~ to each of the
12 distributees specified in lines 1 to 20, 30 to 64, 72, 73, 76, 77, and 85 to 99 of the figure
13 under s. 35.84.

14 **SECTION 6.** 35.01 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 35.01 (2) Class 2 — Wisconsin statutes, and annotations ~~and Blue Book.~~

16 **SECTION 7.** The unnumbered subchapter title preceding section 35.24 of the
17 statutes is repealed.

18 **SECTION 8.** 35.24 of the statutes is repealed.

19 **SECTION 9.** 35.50 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 35.50 (2) Unless otherwise required by law, each edition of the ~~Blue Book and~~
21 the reports specified in ss. 35.26 and 35.27, and reprints thereof, shall be

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1 substantially the same in printing and binding as the previous edition of the same
2 publication. Unless otherwise determined by the chief of the legislative reference
3 bureau, each edition of the Laws of Wisconsin shall be substantially the same in
4 format, printing, and binding as the previous edition of the same publication. Unless
5 otherwise determined by the legislative reference bureau, each edition of the
6 statutes and the Wisconsin administrative code and register shall be substantially
7 the same in format, printing, and binding as the previous edition of the same
8 publication.

9 **SECTION 10.** 35.52 of the statutes is amended to read:

10 **35.52 Authority for printing; increase, and diminution of editions and**
11 **pages.** The department may not order any printing not authorized by law nor any
12 quantity in excess of the legal limitation thereof. If experience demonstrates that the
13 number of copies specified in this chapter for the editions of the ~~Blue Book or~~ Laws
14 of Wisconsin exceeds the actual lawful demand therefor, the number of volumes or
15 pages thereafter to be printed shall be reduced to such number as will supply such
16 demand and no more. In like manner, any specification as to quantity in any
17 requisition for printing which is required to be distributed shall be reduced to the
18 actual probable demand therefor, as determined from previous experience in such
19 distribution.

20 **SECTION 11.** 35.84 (figure) column E of the statutes is repealed.

21 **SECTION 12.** 35.91 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 35.91 (2) Current copies of the ~~Blue Book and~~ the Laws of Wisconsin shall be
23 sold at prices determined by the department, which shall include the cost of sale and
24 distribution under s. 35.80 and, as determined by the legislative reference bureau,

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1 the proportionate cost per copy of typesetting, purchasing, paper, printing,
2 duplication, collating and binding.

3 **SECTION 13. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4 (1) The legislative reference bureau and the department of administration may
5 continue to distribute the 2011-2012 edition of the Wisconsin Blue Book for such
6 period as the demand may reasonably require. The legislative reference bureau shall
7 not publish or print any editions of the Wisconsin Blue Book after the 2011-2012
8 edition.

9 (2) Notwithstanding the treatment of section 35.91 (2) of the statutes by this
10 act, the department of administration may continue to sell the 2011-2012 edition of
11 the Blue Book at prices determined by the department under that subsection for such
12 period as the demand may reasonably require.

13 (END)