

# State of Wisconsin



1995 Assembly Bill 644

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## 1995 WISCONSIN ACT 234

AN ACT *to create* 853.16 of the statutes; **relating to:** references in wills to other documents.

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

**SECTION 1.** 853.16 of the statutes is created to read:

**853.16 Effect of reference to another document.**

(1) A reference in a will executed on or after the effective date of this subsection .... [revisor inserts date], to another document that lists tangible personal property not otherwise specifically disposed of in the will disposes

of that property if the other document describes the property and the distributees with reasonable certainty and is signed and dated by the decedent.

(2) Another document under sub. (1) is valid even if it does not exist when the will is executed, even if it is changed after the will is executed and even if it has no significance except for its effect on the disposition of property by the will.

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\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 1993-94: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].