



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 844

February 5, 1996 - Introduced by Representatives JENSEN, DUFF, DOBYNS, SILBAUGH, GREEN, PORTER, HANDRICK, KREIBICH, OLSEN, WALKER, ALBERS, SPRINGER, LAZICH, KLUSMAN, F. LASEE, HUEBSCH, GROTHMAN, GOETSCH, WASSERMAN, LADWIG and NASS, cosponsored by Senators HUELSMAN, DARLING and ZIEN. Referred to Committee on Environment and Utilities.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 134.36 of the statutes; **relating to:** preference in sending or
2 receiving telegraphs.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no person connected with a telegraph company may give unlawful preference in the sending, transmitting or receiving of telegraph messages or fail or neglect to give preference to dispatches or messages in the order of receipt. This bill eliminates this prohibition.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 134.36 of the statutes is amended to read:
4 **134.36** (title) **Telegraph; divulging message; preference in sending, etc.**
5 Any officer or other person connected with, or in the business or management of, any
6 telegraph company doing business in this state who shall divulge or communicate
7 any telegraph message or dispatch or the substance or any part thereof, except to the
8 person entitled to receive the same, ~~or who shall give unlawful preference in the~~
9 ~~sending, transmitting or receiving of telegraph messages or dispatches, or shall~~
10 ~~wilfully fail or neglect to give preference to dispatches or messages in the order of~~

1 ~~time in which applications are received~~ shall be punished by imprisonment in the
2 county jail not more than one year or by fine not exceeding \$500.

3 (END)