



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 882

February 13, 1996 - Introduced by Representatives REYNOLDS, KREUSER and GOETSCH, cosponsored by Senator SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 159.31 (3) (c) 2e.; and *to amend* 159.31 (3) (c) 2m. and 159.31
2 (3) (c) 2s. of the statutes; **relating to:** delaying scheduled increases in the
3 specified minimum percentage of postconsumer fiber contained in newsprint.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the publisher of a newspaper is required to pay a newspaper recycling fee unless the newsprint on which the newspaper is printed contains a specified minimum percentage of fiber derived from postconsumer waste. The newspaper recycling fee is based on the volume of newsprint used by that publisher.

This bill delays the scheduled increase in the specified minimum percentage of postconsumer fiber contained in newsprint. The bill delays from January 1, 1996, to January 1, 1998, the specification that newsprint contain at least 35% postconsumer fiber. The bill delays from January 1, 1998, to January 1, 2000, the specification that newsprint contain at least 40% postconsumer fiber. The bill does not change the specification that newsprint contain at least 45% postconsumer fiber, the greatest specified minimum percentage, by January 1, 2001.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 159.31 (3) (c) 2e. of the statutes is repealed.

5 **SECTION 2.** 159.31 (3) (c) 2m. of the statutes is amended to read:

6 159.31 (3) (c) 2m. 1998, 40% 35%.

