



## 1995 SENATE BILL 642

March 21, 1996 - Introduced by Senators CLAUSING, MOEN and CHVALA, cosponsored by Representatives BALDUS, BLACK, ALBERS, PLOMBON, GRONEMUS and WILDER. Referred to Committee on Environment and Energy.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 196.02 (1), 196.491 (3) (d) (intro.) and 196.491 (3) (d) 2.; and  
2     **to create** 196.023 of the statutes; **relating to:** prohibiting any person from  
3     selling or offering to sell electricity to the public within the service territory of  
4     an electric utility.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Competition in the distribution of electricity at the retail level is often referred to as "retail wheeling". This bill limits retail wheeling by providing that, if an electric utility provides electric service, either directly or indirectly, to or for the public within a service territory in this state, no other person may sell or offer to sell electricity to the public located in that service territory. Under the bill, electric utility is defined to include a public utility that distributes or furnishes electricity, as well as a cooperative association that distributes or furnishes electricity at retail to its members.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

5     **SECTION 1.** 196.50 (8) of the statutes is created to read:  
6     196.50 (8) RETAIL WHEELING. (a) In this subsection, "electric utility" means all  
7     of the following:  
8     1. A public utility that distributes or furnishes electricity.

