

1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 15

January 14, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives SCHNEIDER, GOETSCH, J. LEHMAN, MUSSER and LADWIG. Referred to Committee on Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT to create** 13.92 (1) (bm) of the statutes; **relating to:** assessment of
2 charges against certain requesters for the use of drafting services of the
3 legislative reference bureau.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, the legislative reference bureau prepares, in proper form, original proposals and amendments for introduction in the legislature. Under Joint Rule 51, legal services are provided by the bureau to any member or member-elect of the legislature, the chairperson of each legislative committee on behalf of the committee, the chief clerk of each house of the legislature and any agency of Wisconsin state government. Currently, all drafting services are provided at state expense using general purpose revenues.

This bill directs the bureau to assess and collect fees for the use of drafting services provided by the bureau to any person other than a member, member-elect, officer or committee of the legislature or legislative service agency. The fees are to be established by the chief of the legislative reference bureau on the basis of the hourly budgeted cost of operation of the drafting section for the fiscal biennium during which the services are provided. Under the bill, revenue derived from the fees is deposited in the general fund as general purpose revenue — earned.

