

1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 248

March 25, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives GOETSCH, OWENS, PORTER, MUSSER, WOOD, WARD, GROTHMAN, RILEY, ALBERS, KLUSMAN, GUNDRUM and PETTIS, cosponsored by Senators DRZEWIECKI, HUELSMAN and SCHULTZ, by request of Pastor Steve Rovics. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 70.337 (5) of the statutes; **relating to:** excluding churches and
2 religious associations from the property tax exemption report filing fee.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, owners of property that is exempt from taxation are required to file a report every two years and to pay a fee to defray the costs of preparing and distributing the report forms and reviewing the report. This bill exempts churches and religious associations from that fee.

For further information see the *local* 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:

3 SECTION 1. 70.337 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 70.337 (5) Each person that is required to file a report under sub. (1), except
5 a church or a religious association, shall pay a reasonable fee that is sufficient to
6 defray the costs to the taxation district of distributing and reviewing the forms under

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1 sub. (1) and of preparing the form for the department of revenue under sub. (2). The
2 amount of the fee shall be established by the governing body of the taxation district.

3 (END)