1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 890

March 20, 2000 – Introduced by Representative SERATTI. Referred to Committee on Assembly Organization.

1 AN ACT *to repeal* 16.54 (11m); *to amend* 20.370 (5) (bx); and *to create* 59.25 (3) 2 (rm) of the statutes; **relating to:** distribution of national forest income 3 payments from the federal government and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, all money received by the state from receipts on national forest lands must be distributed to school districts in accordance with the number of acres of national forest land located within the school district boundaries. This requirement was imposed by 1999 Wisconsin Act 9 (the biennial budget bill). Before the enactment of 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, all money received by the state from receipts on national forest lands was required to be distributed to towns in accordance with the number of acres of national forest land located within the town boundaries. Any town that received any of these moneys was required to expend at least 50% of the moneys on public roads in the town. This bill restores the law to the way it was before the enactment of 1999 Wisconsin Act 9.

For further information see the *state and 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:

SECTION 1. 16.54 (11m) of the statutes, as created by 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, is

5 repealed.

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SECTION 2. 20.370 (5) (bx) of the statutes, as affected by 1999 Wisconsin Act 9,
is amended to read:

20.370 (5) (bx) *Resource aids* — *national forest income aids.* All moneys received from the U.S. government for allotments to school districts <u>counties</u> containing national forest lands<u>, and designated for the benefit of public roads in</u> <u>such counties</u>, shall be distributed in proportion to the national forest acreage in each <u>school district county as certified by the U.S. forest service</u>. Such distribution shall be made annually within 60 days after receipt of the money from the federal government.

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SECTION 3. 59.25 (3) (rm) of the statutes is created to read:

11 59.25 (3) (rm) If the treasurer's county receives national forest income, 12 distribute the income to the towns in the county in which national forest lands are 13 situated, with each town to receive such proportion of the income as the area of 14 national forest lands in the town bears to the area of the national forest lands in the 15 entire county. Fifty percent of the amount received by any town shall be expended 16 by the town exclusively for the benefit of roads therein.

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