

# 1999 SENATE BILL 171

May 25, 1999 – Introduced by Senator SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives ALBERS, SPILLNER and FREESE. Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT to renumber and amend** 1.10; and **to create** 1.10 (title) and 1.10 (2) of  
2 the statutes; **relating to:** designating “Oh Wisconsin, Land of My Dreams” as  
3 the Wisconsin state ballad.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, “On Wisconsin” is the Wisconsin state song and the Wisconsin Blue Book is required to include that information. This bill designates “Oh Wisconsin, Land of My Dreams” as the Wisconsin state ballad and requires the Wisconsin Blue Book to include that information.

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:***

4 **SECTION 1.** 1.10 (title) of the statutes is created to read:  
5 **1.10 (title) State song, state ballad, state dance and state symbols.**  
6 **SECTION 2.** 1.10 of the statutes is renumbered 1.10 (1) and amended to read:  
7 **1.10 (1)** ~~STATE SONG, STATE DANCE AND STATE SYMBOLS~~ STATE SONG. The Wisconsin  
8 state song is “On, Wisconsin”, music written by W. T. Purdy, the words to which are

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1 as follows: “On, Wisconsin! On, Wisconsin! Grand old badger state! We, thy loyal sons  
2 and daughters, Hail thee, good and great. On, Wisconsin! On, Wisconsin Champion  
3 of the right, ‘Forward’, our motto — God will give thee might!”.

4 (3) STATE DANCE. The Wisconsin state dance is the polka.

5 (4) STATE SYMBOLS. The state symbols are as follows:

6 (a) The mourning dove (*zenaidura macroura corolinensis linnaus*) is the  
7 symbol of peace; ~~the.~~

8 (b) ~~The~~ Wisconsin state beverage is milk; ~~the.~~

9 (c) ~~The~~ Wisconsin state tree is the sugar maple (*acer saccharum*); ~~the.~~

10 (d) ~~The~~ Wisconsin state grain is corn (*Zea mays*); ~~the.~~

11 (e) ~~The~~ Wisconsin state flower is the wood violet (*viola papilionacea*); ~~the.~~

12 (f) ~~The~~ Wisconsin state bird is the robin (*turdus migratorius*); ~~the.~~

13 (g) ~~The~~ Wisconsin state fish is the muskellunge (*Esox masquinongy*  
14 *masquinongy Mitchell*); ~~the.~~

15 (h) ~~The~~ Wisconsin state animal is the badger (*taxidea taxus*); ~~the.~~

16 (i) ~~The~~ Wisconsin domestic animal is the dairy cow (*bos taurus*); ~~the.~~

17 (j) ~~The~~ Wisconsin wildlife animal is the white-tailed deer (*odocoileus*  
18 *virginianus*); ~~the.~~

19 (k) ~~The~~ Wisconsin state dog is the American water spaniel; ~~the.~~

20 (L) ~~The~~ Wisconsin state insect is the honey bee (*apis mellifera*); ~~the.~~

21 (m) ~~The~~ Wisconsin state fossil is the trilobite (*calymene celebra*); ~~the.~~

22 (n) ~~The~~ Wisconsin state mineral is the galena (lead sulfide); ~~the.~~

23 (o) ~~The~~ Wisconsin state rock is the red granite; ~~and the.~~

24 (p) ~~The~~ Wisconsin state soil is the Antigo silt loam (typic glossoboralf).

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1           **(5) INFORMATION REQUIRED IN BLUE BOOK.** The Wisconsin Blue Book shall  
2 include the information contained in this section concerning the state song, ballad,  
3 dance, beverage, tree, grain, flower, bird, fish, animal, domestic animal, wildlife  
4 animal, dog, insect, fossil, mineral, rock and soil.

5           **SECTION 3.** 1.10 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

6           **1.10 (2) STATE BALLAD.** The Wisconsin state ballad is “Oh Wisconsin, Land of  
7 My Dreams”, music written by Shari A. Sarazin and lyrics written by Erma Barrett,  
8 the words to which are as follows: “Oh Wisconsin, land of beauty, With your hillsides  
9 and your plains, With your jackpine and your birch tree, And your oak of mighty  
10 frame. Land of rivers, lakes and valleys, Land of warmth and winter snows, Land of  
11 birds and beasts and humanity, Oh Wisconsin, I love you so. (chorus) Oh Wisconsin,  
12 land of my dreams, Oh Wisconsin, you’re all I’ll ever need. A little heaven here on  
13 earth could you be, Oh Wisconsin, land of my dreams. In the summer golden grain  
14 fields, In the winter drift of white snow, In the springtime robins singing, In the  
15 autumn flaming colors show. Oh I wonder who could wander, Or who could want to  
16 drift for long, Away from all your beauty, All your sunshine, all your sweet song.  
17 (repeat chorus) And when it’s time let my spirit run free, In Wisconsin, land of my  
18 dreams.”.

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