

1999 SENATE BILL 472

March 14, 2000 - Introduced by Senators BURKE, RISSER and BAUMGART, cosponsored by Representatives URBAN, BERCEAU, BLACK, GOETSCH, J. LEHMAN and TURNER. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform.

- 1 **AN ACT to create** 91.75 (1m) of the statutes; **relating to:** the number of lots into
2 which a parcel of land in an exclusive agricultural use district may be divided.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, one of the eligibility requirements for the farmland preservation credit is that the land to which the claim relates must be subject either to a farmland preservation agreement or to an exclusive agricultural use zoning ordinance that meets various requirements. Before January 1, 2001, one of the requirements for an exclusive agricultural use zoning ordinance is that the minimum parcel size to establish a residence or a farm operation is 35 acres. Beginning on January 1, 2001, that requirement is replaced by a requirement that the zoning ordinance specify a minimum lot size.

This bill establishes an additional requirement for exclusive agricultural use zoning ordinances beginning on January 1, 2001. Under the bill, an ordinance must provide that a parcel of land that is in an exclusive agricultural use district may not be divided into more lots than the number of acres in the parcel on January 1, 2001, or on the date that the parcel is first zoned for exclusive agricultural use if that date is later, divided by 35.

For further information see the *state* 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:

