

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 20

January 16, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives POWERS, STARZYK, J. LEHMAN, WADE, GRONEMUS, STONE, LADWIG, TURNER, NASS, M. LEHMAN, PLOUFF, MUSSER, OLSEN, KEDZIE, GUNDERSON, POCAN, MILLER, OTT, VRAKAS, HEBL and RYBA, cosponsored by Senators PLACHE, FARROW, WELCH and ROBSON. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 59.20 (3) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** the cut-off time for
2 receipt of documents for filing and recording with a register of deeds.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a county board may enact an ordinance providing that the cut-off time for a register of deeds to receive documents for filing and recording may be one-half hour before the close of an official business day during which a register of deeds office is open to the public. Current law provides that this cut-off time may be set to allow a register of deeds to complete the processing, recording, and indexing of documents to conform to the day of reception.

Under this bill, a county board may enact an ordinance providing that the cut-off time for a register of deeds to receive documents for filing and recording may be one hour before the close of an official business day during which a register of deeds office is open to the public.

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.** 59.20 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 59.20 (3) (c) Any board may, by ordinance, provide that the cut-off reception
5 time for the filing and recording of documents shall be advanced by ~~one-half~~ one hour

ASSEMBLY BILL 20**SECTION 1**

1 in any official business day during which time the register of deeds office is open to
2 the public, in order to complete the processing, recording, and indexing to conform
3 to the day of reception. Any register of deeds may provide in his or her notice under
4 s. 19.34 (1) that requests for inspection or copying of the records of his or her office
5 may be made only during a specified period of not less than 35 hours per week. For
6 all other purposes, the register of deeds office shall remain open to the public during
7 usual business hours.

8 (END)