

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 311

April 12, 2001 - Introduced by Representatives JOHNSRUD, WADE, BOCK, GUNDERSON, HAHN, HUEBSCH, HUNDERTMARK, F. LASEE, MCCORMICK, MUSSER, OLSEN, PETTIS, SERATTI, TOWNSEND, WOOD and UNDERHEIM, cosponsored by Senators BURKE, BAUMGART, SCHULTZ and ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on Environment.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 281.17 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** approvals for
2 high-capacity wells.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits a person from constructing or operating one or more wells on one property that withdraw a total of more than 100,000 gallons of water a day (high-capacity well) without the approval of the department of natural resources (DNR). If DNR finds that a proposed withdrawal will adversely affect the water supply of a public water utility, DNR must disapprove the high-capacity well or impose conditions relating to location, depth, pumping capacity, rate of flow, and ultimate use so that the water supply of the public water utility will not be impaired.

This bill provides that if DNR finds that a withdrawal by a proposed high-capacity well will adversely affect waters of the state, DNR may disapprove the high-capacity well or impose any kind of conditions that will protect the waters of the state.

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:

3 SECTION 1. 281.17 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

