

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 786

February 7, 2002 - Introduced by Representatives GARD, AINSWORTH, FRISKE, SERATTI, KRAWCZYK, HINES, HAHN, MUSSER, MCCORMICK, OTT, MILLER, GROTHMAN, SYKORA and ALBERS, cosponsored by Senators BRESKE, COWLES, SCHULTZ and WELCH. Referred to Committee on Rural Affairs and Forestry.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 28.11 (5) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** to the effective period
2 of comprehensive county forest land use plans.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, for each county forest, the department of natural resources (DNR) and the county board of the county in which the county forest is located must approve a comprehensive land use plan for the county forest. The county forestry committee prepares the plan. Under current law, the effective period for the plan is ten years. This bill increases the effective period of the plan to 15 years.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 28.11 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 28.11 (5) (a) A comprehensive county forest land use plan shall be prepared for
5 a ~~10-year~~ 15-year period by the county forestry committee with the assistance of
6 technical personnel from the department and other interested agencies, and shall be
7 approved by the county board and the department. The plan shall include land use

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1 designations, land acquisition, forest protection, annual allowable timber harvests,
2 recreational developments, fish and wildlife management activities, roads,
3 silvicultural operations, and operating policies and procedures; it shall include a
4 complete inventory of the county forest and shall be documented with maps, records,
5 and priorities showing in detail the various projects to be undertaken during the plan
6 period. The plan may include an application for aids under s. 23.09 (17m). The
7 application will be considered an annual application for these aids during the
8 ~~10-year~~ 15-year period of the plan. ~~The initial plan shall be completed within 2~~
9 ~~years from October 2, 1963 and may be revised as changing conditions require and~~
10 ~~shall be revised upon expiration of the plan period.~~

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

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12 (1) This act first applies to comprehensive county forest land use plans that are
13 submitted for approval to the county board or the department of natural resources
14 on the effective date of this act.

15 (END)