

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Senator Welch:

Please note that a Wisconsin court might find that the portion of this legislation relating to the proposed Hmong cultural center is a "private or local bill" that, under art. IV, sec. 18, of the Wisconsin Constitution, must be enacted as single-subject legislation. If so, this legislation cannot validly be enacted as part of this draft because the draft encompasses more than one subject. Under *Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club v. Wisconsin Dept. of Health and Social Services*, 130 Wis. 2d 79, 115 (1986), "a legislative provision which is specific to any person, place or thing is a private or local law within the meaning of art. IV, sec. 18, unless: 1) the general subject matter of the provision relates to a state responsibility of statewide dimension; and 2) its enactment will have direct and immediate effect on a specific statewide concern or interest."

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