

2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 858

December 8, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives LOTHIAN, DAVIS, BERCEAU, GUNDERSON, GUNDRUM, JESKEWITZ, KLEEFISCH, KRAWCZYK, LEHMAN, MONTGOMERY, MUSSER, NASS, STRACHOTA and VAN ROY, cosponsored by Senator ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on Government Operations and Spending Limitations.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 35.84 (figure) (symbols) and 35.84 (figure) column E lines 10
 2 and 11; and *to create* 35.24 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** the number of Blue
 3 Books that are distributed to members of the legislature.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, each state senator receives 600 copies of each edition of the Blue Book and each representative to the assembly receives 350 copies of each edition of the Blue Book. The copies are paid for from appropriations made for the operation of the legislature.

This bill permits each senator and representative to the assembly to make a written request to the sergeant at arms of his or her house, no later than a date specified by the Department of Administration (DOA), to receive a lesser number of copies of the next edition of the Blue Book than the number provided by law. Under the bill, the sergeant then certifies to DOA the total number of copies of each edition of the Blue Book that is requested or directed by law to be distributed to members of his or her house. The bill provides that a request is not subject to withdrawal or modification after the date specified by DOA.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 35.24 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 35.24 (4) Prior to the publication of each edition of the Blue Book, the
2 department shall send notice to the sergeant at arms of each house of the legislature
3 that any senator or representative to the assembly may, no later than the date
4 specified by the department, limit the number of copies of the Blue Book to be
5 distributed to him or her by making a written request to the sergeant at arms
6 specifying a number of copies that is lower than the number of copies the senator or
7 representative to the assembly is entitled to receive by law. Upon receipt of a timely
8 request, the sergeant at arms shall determine and certify to the department the total
9 number of Blue Books to be received by his or her house by subtracting the total
10 reduction of copies requested from the total number provided to be distributed by
11 law. If a senator or representative to the assembly files a written request with the
12 sergeant at arms to reduce the quantity of any edition of Blue Books to be distributed
13 to him or her, the request may not be withdrawn or modified after the last date
14 specified by the department for a request to be made under this subsection. Upon
15 publication of each edition of the Blue Book, the department shall deliver to the
16 sergeant at arms of each house of the legislature the total number of Blue Books
17 certified under this subsection, and the sergeant at arms shall distribute the number
18 of Blue Books requested or specified by law to each senator or representative to the
19 assembly.

20 **SECTION 2.** 35.84 (figure) (symbols) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 35.84 (figure) (symbols)

22 A — Application, written

23 E — Copies to each person or institution in the group

24 C — Each recipient may specify a number of copies not to exceed the number
25 shown

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1 DLS — Division for Library Services shall certify list

2 DPI — Department of Public Instruction shall certify list

3 **SECTION 3.** 35.84 (figure) column E lines 10 and 11 of the statutes are amended

4 to read:

5 35.84 (figure) Column E Blue Books; s. 35.24 (1)

6 10. Each senator 600C

7 11. Each representative to the assembly 350C

8 (END)