

## Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> 05-3233/1		<b>Introduction Number</b> SB-428	
<b>Description</b> Prohibiting certain state agencies or any city, village, town, or county from using the word squaw in the name of a public place, highway, or geographic feature			
<b>Fiscal Effect</b>			
<b>State:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
<b>Local:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties	<input type="checkbox"/> Others
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts	<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>		<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.370(1)(mu)			
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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Summary of Bill: This bill prohibits the Department of Natural Resources, and certain other state agencies and any local units of government from using the word "squaw" in the name of any geographic feature, public place or highway and requires that if the word "squaw" is being used, that it be changed. It also prohibits the Department from having a property with the word "squaw" in its name.

Fiscal Affect: The Department estimates that there are approximately 42 geographic features throughout Wisconsin that use the word "squaw" in the name. Changing these names will require increased staff time by the DNR, other state agencies, and local units of government. In addition it is expected that there will be a very high level of interest by the public in determining appropriate replacement names that still reflect local history or culture that may result in increased staff time and administrative resources to conduct public involvement activities. There are no Department properties with the name squaw, therefore there would be no fiscal effect for that aspect of the bill.

It appears that the proposed legislation overrides s. 23.25(1)(c), Wis. Stats requiring approval of name changes by county government. However, the assumption used in this fiscal estimate is that County Government would still be very involved in the process, as it would be very difficult for the department to determine appropriate substitute names reflecting the cultural resources or history of the lake, stream or surrounding area.

It is assumed that changing the names of the geographic features would occur utilizing the existing process that is in place for naming geographic features. The Department is charged with determining the correct and most appropriate names of the lakes, streams, places and other geographic features in the state, and the spelling thereof [(see s. 23.25(1)(a), Stats.] and performs these duties through use of the State Geographic Names Council (SGNC). Advisors to the Council include the State Cartographer, State Geologist, State Chief Engineer, and a designee from the Department of Transportation, Division of Highways.

It is expected that there will be an increase in County government costs for processing name changes for geographic features due to the need to extend regular meetings, or hold additional public meetings to change the names. Township costs might be similar depending on the level of involvement. It is assumed that a local unit of government would advance names of geographic features to the SGNC for action. This analysis does not consider other costs for changing names of public places or highways for which the Department has no responsibility.

It is assumed the Geographic Names Council may need to meet up to five additional times to review and act on name proposals as they are submitted by local units of government. This would increase the amount of staff time by DNR to provide assistance to local units of government, provide background research, public contacts, forward information to SGNC and perform administrative duties required for the SGNC functions. The result will be a reallocation of DNR staff time to complete the requirements of this bill. Changing of names will be expected to occur over a few years because of the challenge of finding acceptable and suitable replacement names.

As a result of name changes, local and state maps, and a variety of publications would need to be updated to reflect any changes that were made. It is not possible to accurately estimate these costs. It is assumed this would be done as part of other routine updates.

Estimated one time costs of \$39, 757.00 to implement the provisions in this bill were based on the following assumptions to process 42 name changes:

DNR staff time - 15 hours background research/telephone/e-mail contacts, and administrative duties per

name change=42 name changes X 15 hours at \$47.90 Natural Resource Specialist 1 (salary and fringe)  
=\$30,177

Additional DNR staff time to prepare meeting materials and conduct an additional 5 SGNC meetings=40  
hours/meeting @ \$47.90 (salary and fringe)=\$9,580

### **Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

None

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>  Total one-time costs = \$39,757.00 DOT costs, and local unit of government costs are not estimated.			
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$	
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, ets.)</b>			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$	\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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