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1           **SECTION 54.** 23.09 (26) (h) of the statutes is created to read:

2           23.09 (26) (h) Trails, areas, facilities, or other structures for which aid granted  
3 under this subsection is provided may not be converted to uses that are inconsistent  
4 with the purposes of this subsection without the approval of the department. The  
5 department shall not grant approval unless there is evidence that these uses are  
6 essential to and in accordance with an official comprehensive land and water use  
7 plan for the area. The department shall require that the proceeds from the sale or  
8 other disposal of trails, areas, facilities, or other structures for which aid is provided  
9 under this subsection be used to further the purposes of this subsection.

10           **SECTION 55.** 23.175 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

11           23.175 (1) (a) "Political subdivision" means a city, a village, a town or a county,  
12 or a local park district created under s. 27.161.

13           **SECTION 56.** 23.305 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

14           23.305 (1) (intro.) In this section, ~~"spectator sports":~~

15           (bm) "Spectator sports" means events or contests in which the general public  
16 spectates but does not participate, including without limitation because of  
17 enumeration:

18           **SECTION 57.** 23.305 (1) (a) to (i) of the statutes are renumbered 23.305 (1) (bm)

19 1. to 9.

20           **SECTION 58.** 23.305 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

21           23.305 (1) (am) "Local park district" means a local park district created under  
22 s. 27.161 but not with the participation of any city.

23           **SECTION 59.** 23.305 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           23.305 (2) Notwithstanding ss. 23.30 and 28.04, the department may lease  
2 state park land or state forest land to towns, villages ~~or~~, counties, or local park  
3 districts for outdoor recreational purposes associated with spectator sports.

4           **SECTION 60.** 23.33 (1) (im) of the statutes is created to read:

5           23.33 (1) (im) "Local park district" means a local park district created under  
6 s. 27.161.

7           **SECTION 61.** 23.33 (8) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

8           23.33 (8) (c) *Trails.* A town, a village, a city, a county, or a local park district  
9 or the department may designate corridors through land which it owns or controls,  
10 or for which it obtains leases, easements or permission, for use as all-terrain vehicle  
11 trails.

12           **SECTION 62.** 23.33 (9) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           23.33 (9) (c) *Signs.* In addition to the projects listed in par. (b), the department  
14 may provide aid under this subsection to a town, village, city ~~or~~, county, or local park  
15 district for up to ~~100%~~ 100 percent of the cost of placing signs developed under sub.  
16 (4z) (a) 2.

17           **SECTION 63.** 23.33 (11) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

18           23.33 (11) (a) ~~Counties, towns, cities and villages~~ A county, city, town, or village  
19 may enact ordinances regulating all-terrain vehicles on all-terrain vehicle trails  
20 ~~maintained by or on all-terrain vehicle routes designated by~~ under the jurisdiction  
21 of the county, city, town, or village.

22           **SECTION 64.** 25.50 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

23           25.50 (1) (d) "Local government" means any county, town, village, city, power  
24 district, sewerage district, drainage district, town sanitary district, public inland  
25 lake protection and rehabilitation district, local professional baseball park district

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1 created under subch. III of ch. 229, family care district under s. 46.2895, local  
2 professional football stadium district created under subch. IV of ch. 229, local  
3 cultural arts district created under subch. V of ch. 229, local park district created  
4 under s. 27.161, public library system, school district or technical college district in  
5 this state, any commission, committee, board, or officer of any governmental  
6 subdivision of this state, any court of this state, other than the court of appeals or the  
7 supreme court, or any authority created under s. 114.61, 231.02, 233.02, or 234.02.

8 **SECTION 65.** 27.01 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 27.01 (3) TRANSFER OF STATE PARK LAND TO MUNICIPALITIES. The department may  
10 not transfer the ownership of any state park or land within any state park to any  
11 county, city, village or town, county, or local park district created under s. 27.161  
12 unless ~~it~~ the department receives the approval of the joint committee on finance  
13 regarding the appropriate level of reimbursement to be received by the state to  
14 reflect the state's cost in acquiring and developing the state park or land within the  
15 state park.

16 **SECTION 66.** 27.02 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 27.02 (1) Except as provided under sub. (2) and except in counties that are part  
18 of a local park district created under s. 27.161, in every county with a population of  
19 at least 150,000, but less than 500,000, and in any other county with a population  
20 of less than 150,000 wherein the county board has by resolution provided for a county  
21 park commission subject to ss. 27.02 to 27.06, the chairperson of the county board  
22 shall appoint a county park commission consisting of 7 members, any number of  
23 which may be members of the county board. The appointments shall be made in  
24 writing and filed in the office of the county clerk. The term of each member, except  
25 county board members, is 7 years following July 1 of the year in which the

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1 appointment is made and until the appointment and qualification of a successor,  
2 except that the first 7 members shall be appointed respectively for such terms that  
3 on July 1 in each of the 7 years following the year in which they are appointed the  
4 term of one member will expire. After the original appointments one commissioner  
5 shall be appointed annually in the month of June to succeed the member whose term  
6 will expire on July 1 following, except that in counties with a population of at least  
7 150,000 but less than 500,000 the members shall be elected by the county board of  
8 supervisors. The term of any park commissioner appointed to the commission while  
9 serving as a county board member shall end when the commissioner's membership  
10 on the county board terminates, unless thereafter reappointed to the commission.

11 **SECTION 67.** 27.03 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 27.03 (2) In any county with a county executive or a county administrator, other  
13 than in a county that is part of a local park district created under s. 27.161, the county  
14 executive or county administrator shall appoint and supervise a general manager of  
15 the park system. The appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the county  
16 board unless the county board, by ordinance, elects to waive confirmation or unless  
17 the appointment is made under a civil service system competitive examination  
18 procedure established under s. 59.52 (8) or ch. 63. In any county with a population  
19 of 500,000 or more, the general manager of the park system shall be in the  
20 unclassified civil service and is subject to confirmation by the county board unless  
21 the county board, by ordinance, elects to waive confirmation.

22 **SECTION 68.** 27.05 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 **27.05 Powers of commission or general manager.** (intro.) The Except in  
24 a county that is part of a local park district created under s. 27.161, the county park  
25 commission, or the general manager in counties with a county executive or county

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1 administrator, shall have charge and supervision of all county parks and all lands  
2 acquired by the county for park or reservation purposes. The county park  
3 commission or general manager, subject to the general supervision of the county  
4 board and regulations prescribed by the county board, except as provided under s.  
5 27.03 (2), may do any of the following:

6 **SECTION 69.** 27.06 of the statutes is amended to read:

7 **27.06 Mill-tax appropriation.** The Except in a county that is part of a local  
8 park district created under s. 27.161, the county board may annually, at the same  
9 time that other county taxes are levied, levy a tax upon the taxable property of such  
10 county for the purchase of land and the payment of expenses incurred in carrying on  
11 the work of the park commission. In every county having a population of 500,000 or  
12 more, the county park commission shall be subject to s. 59.60.

13 **SECTION 70.** 27.075 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 **27.075 (1)** The Except in a county that is part of a local park district created  
15 under s. 27.161, the county board of any county with a population of less than 500,000  
16 is hereby vested with all powers of a local, legislative, and administrative character  
17 for the purpose of governing, managing, controlling, improving, and caring for public  
18 parks, parkways, boulevards, and pleasure drives; and to carry out these powers in  
19 districts which it may create for different purposes, or throughout the county, and for  
20 such purposes to levy county taxes, to issue bonds, assessment certificates, and  
21 improvement bonds, or any other evidence of indebtedness. The powers hereby  
22 conferred under this section may be exercised by the county board in any ~~town, city~~  
23 ~~or village~~ city, village, or town, or part thereof located in such ~~the~~ county upon the  
24 request of any such ~~town, city or village~~ city, village, or town, evidenced by a  
25 resolution adopted by a majority vote of the members-elect of its governing body,

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1 designating the particular park function, duty, or act, and the terms, if any, upon  
2 which the same shall be exercised by the county board. ~~Such~~ The resolution shall  
3 state whether the authority or function is to be exercised exclusively by the county  
4 or jointly by the county and the ~~town, city or village~~ city, village, or town, and shall  
5 also state that the exercise of ~~such~~ the power by the county is in the public interest.  
6 Upon the receipt of the resolution, the county board may, by a resolution adopted by  
7 a majority vote of its membership, elect to assume the exercise of ~~such~~ the authority  
8 or function, upon the terms and conditions set forth in the resolution presented by  
9 the ~~town, city or village~~ city, village, or town. A city, village, or town that wishes to  
10 create or participate in a local park district under s. 27.161, or terminate its  
11 participation with a county under s. 27.161 (1) (a) 4., may negotiate the termination  
12 of any agreement entered into with a county under this subsection.

13 **SECTION 71.** 27.075 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 27.075 (2) The county board of any ~~such~~ county, or the commission of a local  
15 park district created under s. 27.161, may, by a resolution adopted by a majority of  
16 its membership, propose to the ~~towns, cities and villages~~ cities, villages, and towns  
17 located in ~~such~~ the county, or any of them, that it offers to exercise ~~such~~ the powers  
18 and functions ~~therein in order~~ that are necessary to consolidate municipal park  
19 services and functions in said the county. ~~Such~~ The resolution shall designate the  
20 particular function, duty, or act and the terms and conditions, if any, upon which the  
21 county board or district will perform the same. The powers conferred in sub. (1) and  
22 designated in ~~such~~ the resolution may ~~thereafter~~ be exercised by the county board,  
23 or commission, in each ~~such~~ town, city or village which shall accept such city, village,  
24 or town which accepts the proposal by the adoption of a resolution by a majority vote  
25 of the members-elect of its governing body, except that no governing body may accept

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1 any proposal described under this subsection unless it contains a provision under  
2 which the city, village, or town may terminate its agreement with the county or the  
3 district so that the city, village, or town may create or participate in a local park  
4 district under s. 27.161.

5 **SECTION 72.** 27.075 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 27.075 (3) After the adoption of resolutions by the county board, ~~the county~~  
7 ~~board shall have full power to~~ or the commission as defined in s. 27.16 (2), the board  
8 or commission may legislate upon and administer the entire subject matter  
9 committed to it, ~~and among other things, to~~ and may determine, where not otherwise  
10 provided by law, the manner of exercising the power thus assumed. No county may  
11 exercise any power under this section in a local park district created under s. 27.161.

12 **SECTION 73.** 27.075 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 27.075 (4) ~~The town, city or village concerned~~ A city, village, or town may enter  
14 into ~~necessary~~ contracts with the county, or the district as defined in s. 27.16 (4), and  
15 appropriate money to pay the county or the district, for the reasonable expenses  
16 incurred in rendering the park services assumed. ~~Such~~ The contract shall also  
17 provide a procedure for the termination of the contract by any city, village, or town  
18 that wishes to create or participate in a local park district under s. 27.161. The  
19 expenses may be certified, returned, and paid as are other county charges, and, in  
20 the case of services performed pursuant to under a proposal for the consolidation  
21 thereof of municipal park services initiated by the county board or district and made  
22 available to each ~~town, city and village~~ city, village, and town in the county on the  
23 same terms, the expenses thereof shall be certified, returned, and paid as county  
24 charges; but ~~in the event that each and every town, city and village~~ if every city,  
25 village, and town in the county ~~shall accept such~~ accepts the proposal of the county

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1 board or district the expenses thereof shall be paid by county or district taxes to be  
2 levied and collected as are other taxes for county purposes. ~~Said towns, cities and~~  
3 ~~villages are vested with all necessary power to do the things herein required, and to~~  
4 ~~do all things and to exercise or relinquish any of the powers herein provided or~~  
5 ~~contemplated.~~ The procedure herein provided in this section for the request or  
6 acceptance of the exercise of the powers conferred on the county board or district  
7 commission in cities and villages is hereby ~~prescribed~~ as a special method of  
8 determining the local affairs and government of such cities and villages pursuant to  
9 article XI, section 3, of the constitution.

10 **SECTION 74.** 27.08 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 27.08 (1) Every city that is not part of a local park district created under s.  
12 27.161 may by ordinance create a board of park commissioners subject to this section,  
13 or otherwise as provided by ordinance. ~~Such, and if the city has a board of park~~  
14 commissioners the city shall terminate that board and end the board's authority  
15 under this section upon the city's creation of or participation in a local park district  
16 under s. 27.161. The board shall be organized as directed by the common council  
17 shall provide.

18 **SECTION 75.** 27.08 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 27.08 (3) ~~In any city having no~~ If a city does not have a board of park  
20 commissioners ~~its~~ and is not part of a local park district created under s. 27.161, the  
21 city's public parks, parkways, boulevards, and pleasure drives shall be under the  
22 charge of its board of public works, if it has such last named board; otherwise or, if  
23 it does not have such a board, under the charge of its common council. When so in  
24 charge, the board of public works or the common council may exercise all of the  
25 powers of a board of park commissioners. Upon a city's creation of or participation



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1 in a local park district under s. 27.161, the city's board of public works or common  
2 council may not exercise any authority under this section.

3 **SECTION 76.** 27.16 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **27.16 Local park districts; definitions.** In ss. 27.16 to 27.165:

5 (1) "Chief executive officer" means, as to a sponsoring political subdivision or  
6 as to a municipality or county that is wholly within the jurisdiction of a district, the  
7 mayor or city manager of a city, the village president of a village, the town board  
8 chairperson of a town, the county executive of a county or, if the county does not have  
9 a county executive, the chairperson of the county board.

10 (2) "Commission" means the governing body of a district.

11 (3) "Commissioners" means the commissioners of a district.

12 (4) "District" means a local park district which is a special purpose district  
13 created under s. 27.161.

14 (5) "Enabling resolution" means a resolution, or an amendment of a resolution,  
15 adopted by the governing body of a municipality or county and signed by the chief  
16 executive officer to create a district.

17 (6) "Municipality" means a city, village, or town.

18 (7) "Park facilities" means a public park, including improvements, that is  
19 owned by a district, or a public park, including improvements, that is owned by a  
20 municipality or a county, but is under the management and control of a district, or  
21 both.

22 (8) "Political subdivision" means a municipality or county.

23 (9) "Regular election" means an election that is described in s. 5.02 (5), (18),  
24 (21), or (22).

25 (10) "Sponsoring political subdivision" means any of the following:

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1 (a) A municipality that creates a district on its own or in combination with  
2 another municipality or county.

3 (b) A county that creates a district on its own or in combination with another  
4 municipality or county.

5 **SECTION 77.** 27.161 of the statutes is created to read:

6 **27.161 Local park districts; creation, organization, and**  
7 **administration.** (1) Subject to sub. (5), one or more political subdivisions may  
8 provide for the creation of a special purpose district that is a unit of government, that  
9 is a body corporate and politic, that is separate and distinct from, and independent  
10 of, the state and the sponsoring political subdivisions, and that has the powers under  
11 s. 27.163, if the sponsoring political subdivisions do all of the following:

12 (a) Adopt an enabling resolution, subject to sub. (2), that does all of the  
13 following:

- 14 1. Declares the need for establishing the district.
- 15 2. Contains findings of public purpose.
- 16 3. Contains a description of the boundaries of the proposed district.
- 17 4. If the sponsoring political subdivision is a municipality, declares an intention  
18 to negotiate with a county the termination of any agreement entered into under s.  
19 27.075 (1), (2), or (4).

20 5. Except in counties having a population of 500,000 or more, the number of  
21 commissioners, which shall be at least 3 but not more than 9, and the number of those  
22 commissioners who will be elected at large and the number of those commissioners  
23 who will be elected from election districts.

24 6. If the sponsoring political subdivision is a county, declare an intention to  
25 negotiate with each municipality that is subject to an agreement or contract with the

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1 county under s. 27.075 (1), (2), or (4) the termination of any such agreements or  
2 contracts, or negotiate an agreement under which each such municipality may  
3 remain as a party to the agreement or contract knowing that the district will assume  
4 the county's responsibility under the agreement or contract.

5 7. If the sponsoring political subdivision is a county, declare an intention to  
6 separate its local park commission or local park department from the county as part  
7 of the process of creating a district.

8 (b) File copies of the enabling resolution with the clerk of each municipality and  
9 county that is wholly or partly within the boundaries of the proposed district.

10 (2) Subject to sub. (5), a district shall consist of one or more political  
11 subdivisions, except that no county may contain more than one district if the county  
12 is part of the district. Each sponsoring political subdivision shall be identified in a  
13 substantially similar enabling resolution that is adopted by the governing body of  
14 each sponsoring political subdivision within a 90-day period beginning with the date  
15 of adoption of the first enabling resolution.

16 (3) The creation of a district may also be provided for, subject to subs. (4) and  
17 (5), by referendum if a petition requesting the creation of a district is filed in  
18 accordance with this subsection and the question is approved by a majority of the  
19 electors of each of the political subdivisions where park facilities are to be included  
20 in the proposed district. The petition shall conform to the following requirements:

21 (a) The petition shall be in the form specified in s. 8.40, shall specify each  
22 political subdivision whose park facilities are to be included in the proposed district,  
23 and shall contain a description and scale map of the proposed district.

24 (b) Except in counties having a population of 500,000 or more, the petition shall  
25 specify the number of commissioners, and the number of those commissioners who

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1 will be elected at large and the number of those commissioners who will be elected  
2 from election districts.

3 (c) The petition may be circulated on or after January 1 of any year and may  
4 be filed not later than 5 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday in February.

5 (d) The petition shall be signed by at least 100 qualified electors residing in  
6 each political subdivision whose park facilities are to be included in the proposed  
7 district.

8 (e) The petition shall be filed with the clerk of each political subdivision whose  
9 park facilities are to be included in the proposed district.

10 (4) If all of the steps in sub. (3) occur, each political subdivision in which a  
11 petition containing the requisite number of signatures are submitted to the clerk  
12 shall hold a referendum at the next succeeding spring election. The referendum  
13 question shall be substantially as follows: "Shall a local park district, the territory  
14 of which includes in whole the ... [name of municipality or county], be created?"  
15 Subject to sub. (5), if the question submitted at the referendum is approved by a  
16 majority of the electors who vote in the referendum in at least one political  
17 subdivision, a special purpose district that is a unit of government, that is a body  
18 corporate and politic, that is separate and distinct from, and independent of, the  
19 state and each political subdivision, and that has the powers under s. 27.163 is  
20 created, the boundaries of which include each political subdivision in which the  
21 question is approved. If a referendum question is not approved in at least one  
22 political subdivision, no district may be created.

23 (5) (a) A district is created on January 1 following the date on which all of the  
24 following occur:

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1           1. An enabling resolution is adopted in one or more political subdivisions under  
2 sub. (1), or a referendum question is approved in one or more political subdivisions  
3 under sub. (4).

4           2. The initial commissioners are elected under sub. (7) (a) 4. and assume office.

5           (b) Before a district is created, the governing bodies of each political subdivision  
6 that has adopted a resolution under sub. (1) or in which a referendum question has  
7 been approved under sub. (4) shall adopt a resolution or enact an ordinance, which  
8 shall become effective not later than September 1 following the date on which the  
9 resolution under sub. (1) or the referendum question is approved, that contains an  
10 agreement among each of the governing bodies which addresses at least all of the  
11 following provisions:

12           1. A method to transfer title of the county or municipal facilities within their  
13 individual jurisdictions to the district.

14           2. A method to select an arbitrator who will decide any issues relating to the  
15 creation or dissolution of a district, under s. 27.165 (2) that the sponsoring political  
16 subdivisions, or governing bodies of political subdivisions that join a district,  
17 question or are unable to resolve.

18           **(6)** If a district is created, on the date that the creation becomes effective:

19           (a) All assets and liabilities of the political subdivision with respect to park and  
20 recreational functions become assets and liabilities of the district, except that debt  
21 related to capital expenditures for park facilities that was incurred by a political  
22 subdivision before the district's creation remains the responsibility of the political  
23 subdivision.

24           (b) All employees of the political subdivision having functions related to parks  
25 and recreation become employees of the district. Employees so transferred have all

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1 the rights under s. 59.52 (8) or 66.0509 or subch. I of ch. 63, that they enjoyed as  
2 employees of the political subdivision. The district shall honor the terms of the  
3 employees' collective bargaining agreements to the extent allowed by law. No  
4 employee so transferred who has attained permanent status in class is required to  
5 serve a probationary period.

6 (c) All tangible personal property of the political subdivision with respect to  
7 park and recreational functions is transferred to the district.

8 (d) All contracts entered into by the political subdivision with respect to park  
9 and recreational functions remain in effect and are transferred to the district. The  
10 district shall carry out any obligations under such a contract until the contract is  
11 modified or rescinded by the district, to the extent allowed under the contract.

12 (e) Notwithstanding s. 111.70 (2), (3), and (6), the district shall recognize the  
13 representative of the labor organization that covers the transferred employees of the  
14 collective bargaining unit.

15 (f) Any matter pending with the political subdivision with respect to park and  
16 recreational functions is transferred to the district and all materials submitted to or  
17 actions taken by the political subdivision with respect to park and recreational  
18 functions are considered as having been submitted to or taken by the district.

19 (7) (a) 1. The district is governed by a commission. The commission may adopt  
20 bylaws to govern the district's activities, subject to ss. 27.16 to 27.165.

21 2. In counties having a population of 500,000 or more, the commission shall  
22 consist of 9 members who shall be elected from election districts within the district.  
23 In districts located wholly or partly within other counties, the commission shall  
24 consist of not more than 9 members and not fewer than 5 members.

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1           3. The commissioners shall be regularly elected at the spring election. If  
2 commissioners are elected at large, they shall be elected from numbered seats which  
3 shall be designated by the commission. If the commissioners are elected from  
4 election districts, they shall be elected pursuant to a districting plan adopted under  
5 par. (b).

6           4. The initial election of commissioners shall occur at the spring election that  
7 is held in the year following the year in which the resolutions or ordinances described  
8 in sub. (5) (a) and (b) take effect, except that if the resolutions or ordinances take  
9 effect before June 1 in an even-numbered year, the initial election of commissioners  
10 shall occur at a special election which shall be held concurrently with the general  
11 election. The clerk or board of election commissioners of the most populous political  
12 subdivision whose park facilities are included in the district shall serve as the clerk  
13 of the district until an initial clerk is appointed under par. (h) and qualifies.

14           (b) 1. Each districting plan shall divide the entire district into election districts  
15 for the election of commissioners. The districting plan shall assign consecutive whole  
16 numbers to the election districts. Each election district shall consist of contiguous  
17 whole wards or municipalities and shall be equal in population insofar as  
18 practicable. The districting plan for the election of initial commissioners in a newly  
19 created district shall be prescribed by the government accountability board.  
20 Thereafter, the commissioner shall adopt the districting plan. The plan shall be  
21 adopted by a majority vote of the members elected or appointed to the commission.  
22 Except as otherwise provided in sub. (7m) or (10), the plan shall be effective until the  
23 commission adopts a revised plan following the next federal decennial census. Upon  
24 implementation of the plan, each commissioner who is elected to represent an  
25 election district shall be elected by plurality vote of the electors of the election district

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1 from which he or she seeks office. In a primary election for the office of any  
2 commissioner to be elected from an election district, only the electors of the election  
3 district may vote in the election.

4 2. Each candidate for commissioner shall state on the face of his or her  
5 declaration of candidacy and nomination papers whether the candidate seeks  
6 election at large or from an election district, and if from an election district, the  
7 number of the district from which the candidate seeks office.

8 (c) Each commissioner shall be a resident of the district and, if elected from an  
9 election district, a resident of the election district from which he or she is elected at  
10 the time that the member takes the oath of office. If a commissioner who is elected  
11 from an election district ceases to be a resident of that election district after the  
12 beginning of his or her term of office but continues to be a resident of the district, the  
13 member may continue to serve for the remainder of the term for which he or she was  
14 elected or appointed.

15 (d) No person who serves in any other state, local, or national office, as defined  
16 in s. 5.02, is eligible to serve in the office of commissioners.

17 (e) 1. Except as provided in this paragraph, the terms of the commissioners  
18 shall be 3 years, beginning on the first Monday in June following their election to  
19 office. The clerk of the most populous political subdivision whose park facilities are  
20 included in the district shall designate the terms of one-third of the initial persons  
21 elected to office for expiration on the first Monday in June of the year following that  
22 year; the terms of one-third of the initial persons elected to office for expiration on  
23 the first Monday in June of the 2nd year following that year; and the terms of  
24 one-third of the persons elected to office for expiration on the first Monday in June  
25 of the 3rd year following that year. If the number of commissioners is not divisible



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1 by 3, the clerk of the most populous political subdivision whose park facilities are  
2 included in the district shall designate the number of commissioners, as nearly equal  
3 to one-third as possible, whose initial terms shall expire in the following year, the  
4 2nd following year, and the 3rd following year.

5 2. If the commissioners are initially elected at the general election, the terms  
6 of office of the initial persons elected to office shall begin on the first Monday in  
7 January following their election to office. If the commissioners are initially elected  
8 at the general election in any year, the clerk of the most populous political  
9 subdivision whose park facilities are included in the district shall designate the  
10 terms of one-third of the initial persons elected to office for expiration on the first  
11 Monday in June of the 2nd year following that year; the terms of one-third of the  
12 initial persons elected to office for expiration on the first Monday in June of the 3rd  
13 following year; and the terms of office of one-third of the initial persons elected to  
14 office for expiration on the first Monday in June of the 4th following year. If the  
15 number of commissioners is not divisible by 3, the clerk of the most populous political  
16 subdivision whose park facilities are included in the district shall designate the  
17 number of commissioners, as nearly equal to one-third as possible, whose initial  
18 terms shall expire in the 2nd following year, the 3rd following year, and the 4th  
19 following year.

20 (f) Commissioners may be removed from office before the expiration of their  
21 terms, for cause, as provided in s. 17.13 (3) and may be recalled as provided in s. 9.10.  
22 Vacancies in the office of commissioner shall be filled as provided in s. 17.27 (1f).

23 (g) The commission shall elect from its membership a chairperson, a vice  
24 chairperson, a secretary, and a treasurer. A majority of the current membership of  
25 the commission constitutes a quorum to do business. The district may take action

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1 based on the affirmative vote of a majority of those commissions directors who are  
2 present at a meeting of the commission board.

3 (h) 1. The commission shall appoint a person to serve as clerk of the district.  
4 The clerk shall administer the affairs of the district, under the direction of the  
5 commission. Within 7 days after the appointment of any person to fill a vacancy on  
6 the commission, the clerk shall notify the person of his or her appointment.

7 2. No later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday in January, or for an election under  
8 par. (e) 2., no later than 5 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of July, the clerk shall certify to  
9 the county clerk or board of election commissioners the names of candidates who  
10 have filed valid nomination papers for commissioner and who are eligible to have  
11 their names appear on the ballot under s. 8.30. If any municipality lying wholly or  
12 partially within the district prepares its own ballots under s. 7.15 (2) (c), the clerk  
13 shall similarly certify the names of candidates to the municipal clerk. In making  
14 these certifications, the clerk shall designate the form of each candidate's name to  
15 appear on the ballot in the manner prescribed under s. 7.08 (2) (a). If a primary is  
16 held for any seat on a commission, the clerk shall certify to the county clerk or board  
17 of election commissioners the names of candidates who have won nomination to the  
18 commission and who are eligible to have their names appear on the ballot under s.  
19 8.30. If any municipality lying wholly or partially within the district prepares its  
20 own ballots under s. 7.15 (2) (c), the clerk shall similarly certify the names of  
21 candidates to the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners. The clerk shall  
22 notify the municipal clerk or board of elections commissioners of each municipality  
23 lying wholly or partially within the district of any district election and furnish each  
24 municipal clerk with a copy of the notice of the district election. If paper ballots are  
25 utilized at a district election, the clerk shall provide each municipal clerk with an

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1 adequate supply of ballots for the election at least 22 days before the election. The  
2 clerk shall issue certificates of election to persons who are elected to the commission  
3 after each election in the manner provided under s. 7.53 (4).

4 (i) The commissioners shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary  
5 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, but may not receive a salary.

6 (j) Upon the election under par. (a) and qualification of a majority of the  
7 commissioners, the commission may exercise the powers and duties of a commission  
8 under this subchapter.

9 (k) At its first meeting, the commission shall name the district.

10 **(7m)** Within 60 days after the municipal governing body of each municipality  
11 that is wholly or partly contained within the district enacts an ordinance or adopts  
12 a resolution under s. 5.15 dividing the municipality into wards, if the municipality  
13 is required to do so, or otherwise within 60 days after the necessary population data  
14 becomes available from the federal government or is published by an agency of this  
15 state, the commission shall, by vote of a majority of the members of the commission,  
16 adopt a revised plan for the election districts within the district. Each election  
17 district under the plan shall consist of contiguous whole wards or municipalities and  
18 shall be equal in population insofar as practicable. Except as otherwise required  
19 under sub. (10), the plan shall be effective until the commission adopts a revised plan  
20 under this subsection following the next federal decennial census unless a court of  
21 competent jurisdiction orders the commission to revise the plan at an earlier date.

22 **(8)** (a) Except as provided in par. (d), the territory of a political subdivision may  
23 be in only one district, and no county may contain more than one district if the county  
24 itself is part of the district. If a city or village whose territory is in one district  
25 annexes territory that contains park facilities that are located in a different district,

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1 that district shall transfer ownership of the park facilities that are located in the  
2 annexed territory to the district whose territory includes the annexing city or village.  
3 The district which receives the annexed territory shall negotiate a settlement  
4 agreement with the park district from which the territory was annexed to  
5 compensate that park district for the park facilities that are transferred, based on  
6 at least all of the following factors:

7 1. The current value of park facilities that are transferred.

8 2. The amount of money or any other contribution made by the park district for  
9 the park facilities that are transferred.

10 (b) If the park districts are unable to negotiate a settlement under par. (a)  
11 within 60 days after the effective date of the annexation that results in the transfer  
12 of territory, the districts shall agree on the selection of an arbitrator who shall decide  
13 the settlement amount, and send written notification of his or her decision to all  
14 parties, within 30 days after his or her appointment.

15 (c) A transfer of ownership under this subsection takes effect on the date on  
16 which a settlement is reached or the date on which an arbitrator sends written  
17 notification of his or her decision.

18 (d) If a city or village is located in more than one county, the city or village may  
19 become part of any district for which it is otherwise eligible to be a part of, even if a  
20 countywide district is created that contains part of the city's or village's territory. All  
21 of the city's or village's territory shall be considered to be within the jurisdiction of  
22 the park district in which the city or village chooses to participate.

23 (9) (a) A political subdivision whose park facilities are included in a district  
24 may withdraw from the district as provided in this subsection if the governing body  
25 of the political subdivision no later than the 3rd Tuesday in February preceding a

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1 spring election, adopts a resolution declaring its intention to withdraw from the  
2 district and the withdrawal is approved by the electors of the political subdivision at  
3 a referendum held concurrently with the spring election.

4 (b) If the electors of a political subdivision whose park facilities are included  
5 within a district file a petition with the clerk of the district, not later than the 3rd  
6 Tuesday in February of any year, requesting a referendum on the question of  
7 withdrawal of the political subdivision from the district, the commission shall call  
8 a referendum in the political subdivision for the purpose of submitting the question  
9 of withdrawal to the electors of the political subdivision for approval or rejection. The  
10 referendum shall be held concurrently with the spring election.

11 (c) The question submitted to the electors shall be "Shall the .... (name of  
12 political subdivision) withdraw from the .... (name of district)?" If the electors  
13 approve the question, the political subdivision shall withdraw from the district.

14 (d) Each petition filed under this subsection shall be in the form specified in s.  
15 8.40, shall name the political subdivision whose park facilities are proposed to be  
16 withdrawn from the district, and shall name the district from which the facilities are  
17 to be withdrawn. The petition may be circulated on or after January 1 of any year and  
18 may be filed no later than 5 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday in February. The petition shall  
19 contain the signatures of at least 100 electors of the political subdivision.

20 (e) If a political subdivision withdraws from a district under this subsection,  
21 title to the park facilities that are located in the political subdivision shall be  
22 transferred from the district to the political subdivision or from which the facilities  
23 were transferred.

24 (f) If a political subdivision withdraws from a district under this subsection and  
25 the territory remaining in the district after the withdrawal does not consist of at least

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1 one political subdivision, the district shall dissolve under s. 27.165. If at least one  
2 political subdivision remains a part of the district after a political subdivision  
3 withdraws, the political subdivision that withdraws and the commission shall  
4 negotiate a settlement agreement to compensate that park district for the park  
5 facilities that are located in the political subdivision, based on at least all of the  
6 following factors:

7 1. The current value of park facilities that are transferred.

8 2. The amount of money or any other contribution made by the district for the  
9 park facilities that are transferred.

10 3. The amount of money or any other contribution made by the political  
11 subdivision municipality for the park facilities that are transferred.

12 (g) If the political subdivision and the district are unable to negotiate a  
13 settlement under par. (f) within 60 days after the resolution is approved in the  
14 referendum under par. (a) or within 60 days after the referendum described under  
15 par. (b) is approved, the political subdivision and the district shall agree on the  
16 selection of an arbitrator who shall decide the settlement amount, and send written  
17 notification of his or her decision to all parties, within 30 days after his or her  
18 appointment.

19 (h) A withdrawal under this subsection takes effect on January 1 following the  
20 date on which a settlement is reached or the date on which an arbitrator sends  
21 written notification of his or her decision.

22 (10) (a) Whenever a political subdivision is attached to a district, a political  
23 subdivision withdraws from a district, or a former municipality becomes a part of a  
24 district by municipal consolidation, the terms of the members of the commission or  
25 political subdivision commissions of the affected district or districts shall expire on

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1 the first Monday in June of the year following the year in which the attachment,  
2 withdrawal, or municipal consolidation becomes effective. At the spring election  
3 immediately preceding the expiration of the terms of the commissioners, all  
4 members of the commission serving the revised district shall be elected in the same  
5 manner as members of initial commissions are elected under sub. (7) (b).

6 (b) Whenever territory is annexed to or detached from a political subdivision  
7 that is a part of a district on the effective date of the annexation or detachment, the  
8 commission shall, at its next meeting following the effective date of the annexation  
9 or detachment, attach or detach the annexed or detached territory to an election  
10 district that is contiguous to the annexed or detached territory in such manner as to  
11 maintain, in so far as practicable, election districts of substantially equal population.  
12 In conjunction with any action under this paragraph, the commission may adjust the  
13 boundaries of the remaining election districts within the district if required to  
14 maintain election districts of substantially equal population.

15 **SECTION 78.** 27.162 of the statutes is created to read:

16 **27.162 Local park districts; jurisdiction and expansion.** (1) The initial  
17 jurisdiction of a district shall consist of the territory of all of the sponsoring political  
18 subdivisions that have acted under s. 27.161 (1) and (2) and all of the participating  
19 political subdivisions that have acted under s. 27.161 (3) in the same year, or within  
20 90 days after the adoption of the first enabling legislation that is described in s.  
21 27.161 (1).

22 (2) (a) With the approval of the commission, the jurisdiction of the district may  
23 be expanded to include any other political subdivision under procedures adopted by  
24 the commission and consistent with an agreement entered into between the  
25 commission and the political subdivision. Under the terms of the agreement, the

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1 assets of the political subdivision to be included in the expanded jurisdiction shall  
2 be treated in a substantially similar manner as the assets of all other political  
3 subdivisions in the district.

4 (b) The procedures for any expansion approved under par. (a) shall permit the  
5 governing body of a political subdivision to request inclusion of its park facilities in  
6 the district on its own resolution, and shall also permit the electors of a political  
7 subdivision to request inclusion in the district through a petition and referendum  
8 process.

9 (c) Each petition filed under this subsection shall be in the form specified in s.  
10 8.40, shall name the political subdivision whose park facilities are proposed to be  
11 attached to the district, and shall name the district to which the facilities are to be  
12 attached. The petition may be circulated on or after January 1 of any year and may  
13 be filed no later than 5 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday in February. The petition shall  
14 contain the signatures of at least 100 electors of the political subdivision.

15 (3) Eligible electors of a political subdivision included in the expanded  
16 jurisdiction of a district may vote for members of the board of directors at the first  
17 election occurring after the effective date of the expansion at which members of the  
18 board of directors are elected.

19 (4) If a referendum is held on the question of attachment of a political  
20 subdivision to an existing district, the question shall be submitted at the first regular  
21 election occurring not sooner than 45 days after the date that the governing body  
22 adopts a resolution submitting the question to a referendum and the commission  
23 approves that action. The question shall be "Shall the .... (name of political  
24 subdivision) become a part of the .... (name of district)?" If the question is approved  
25 by the electors, the governing body shall enter into an agreement with the



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1 commission under sub. (2) (a). The attachment becomes effective on the date  
2 specified in the agreement.

3 **SECTION 79.** 27.163 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **27.163 Local park districts; powers.** A district has all of the powers  
5 necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes and provisions of ss. 27.16 to  
6 27.165. The district shall hire a parks director, who is professionally qualified in the  
7 field of parks management and who has significant experience in the day to day  
8 operation of a park district. In addition to all other powers granted by ss. 27.16 to  
9 27.165, a district may do all of the following:

10 (1) Adopt and alter an official seal.

11 (2) Sue and be sued in its own name, and plead and be impleaded.

12 (3) Maintain an office.

13 (4) In connection with park facilities:

14 (a) Acquire, develop, equip, maintain, improve, operate, and manage the park  
15 facilities.

16 (b) Enter into contracts, subject to such standards as may be established by the  
17 board of directors.

18 (c) Grant concessions.

19 (d) Operate recreational facilities or programs.

20 (e) Acquire by purchase, exchange, or donation land, or interests in land.

21 (5) Employ personnel, and fix and regulate their compensation; and provide,  
22 either directly or subject to an agreement under s. 66.0301 as a participant in a  
23 benefit plan of the political subdivision, any employee benefits, including an  
24 employee pension plan.

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1 (6) Purchase insurance, establish and administer a plan of self-insurance, or,  
2 subject to an agreement with the political subdivision under s. 66.0301, participate  
3 in a governmental plan of insurance or self-insurance.

4 (7) Adopt and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of,  
5 and the conduct within, its park facilities and recreational facilities in order to  
6 promote public safety and convenience and to maintain order. The district may  
7 establish civil penalties, including restitution and including forfeitures in an amount  
8 not to exceed \$500 for each violation, for violations of the rules and regulations  
9 authorized under this section.

10 (8) (a) To carry out its functions, levy a tax on the taxable property in the  
11 district, as equalized by the department of revenue under s. 70.57, at a rate not to  
12 exceed one mill on each dollar of the equalized full value of all taxable property in  
13 the district, except that the district may exceed the one-mill tax levy rate by  
14 resolution. No increase in the tax levy rate is effective until the resolution is  
15 approved by a majority of the electors in the political subdivision voting on the  
16 resolution at a referendum, to be held at the first regular election or special election  
17 held throughout the district that is held at least 45 days after the date of adoption  
18 of the resolution. The question submitted shall be whether the property tax levy for  
19 the district may be increased by a specified amount. The clerk of the district shall  
20 publish the notices required under s. 10.06 (4) (c), (f), and (i) for any referendum held  
21 under this subsection. Notwithstanding s. 10.06 (4) (c), the type A notice under s.  
22 10.01 (2) (a) relating to the referendum is valid even if given and published late as  
23 long as it is given and published prior to the election as early as practicable. If a board  
24 of directors adopts a resolution that increases the property tax levy rate for the  
25 district and the resolution is approved by the electors, the district clerk shall deliver

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1 a certified copy of the resolution to the secretary of revenue at least 30 days before  
2 its effective date. The tax levy rate shall be applied to the respective real property  
3 and personal property tax rolls of the city, village, town, and county included in the  
4 district and shall not be included within any limitation on county or municipality  
5 taxes. Collected taxes levied under this paragraph shall be paid to the district  
6 treasurer.

7 (b) The initial operating levy of a district shall be imposed by the commission  
8 in December of the year preceding the January 1 on which the district is created  
9 under s. 27.161 (5). The initial levy shall be imposed in an amount that equals as  
10 closely as possible the greater of the following:

11 1. The total operating levy, of all political subdivisions whose park facilities are  
12 included in the district, that is attributable to park and recreational purposes for the  
13 fiscal year in which either the final enabling resolution is adopted under s. 27.161  
14 (2) or the final referendum is held under s. 27.161 (3).

15 2. The total operating levy, of all political subdivisions whose park facilities are  
16 included in the district, that is attributable to park and recreational purposes for the  
17 fiscal year before the fiscal year in which either the final enabling resolution is  
18 adopted under s. 27.161 (2) or the final referendum is held under s. 27.161 (3).

19 (c) For the year in which a commission imposes its initial operating levy under  
20 par. (b), each sponsoring political subdivision shall reduce its operating levy by the  
21 amount that the sponsoring political subdivision levied in the previous year for park  
22 and recreational purposes, to the extent that those functions have been assumed by  
23 the district.

24 (9) Accept gifts and other aid, which may be used only for the following  
25 purposes:

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1 (a) Maintaining the park facilities.

2 (b) Operating the park facilities.

3 (c) Making capital improvements to the park facilities.

4 (10) Administer the receipt of revenues, and oversee the payment of bills or  
5 other debts incurred by the district.

6 (11) Adopt a resolution to impose impact fees under s. 66.0617.

7 (12) Issue debt under ch. 67 only for capital improvements to park facilities.

8 (13) Impose user fees for the use of district facilities and programs. The district  
9 may impose different fees based on whether the user resides within the district's  
10 jurisdiction.

11 **SECTION 80.** 27.164 of the statutes is created to read:

12 **27.164 Local park districts; powers and duties of, and limitations on,**  
13 **political subdivisions.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the  
14 governing bodies of each political subdivision that make up the jurisdiction of the  
15 district may not create a park or expend any funds to support a park or recreational  
16 facilities, or impose an impact fee under s. 66.0617 for park facilities, after the  
17 imposition of the taxes described under s. 27.163 (8).

18 (2) In addition to any powers that it may otherwise have, a political subdivision  
19 located wholly or partly within a district's jurisdiction may do any of the following:

20 (a) Make loans to a district upon terms that the political subdivision considers  
21 appropriate.

22 (b) Lease or transfer property to a district upon terms that the political  
23 subdivision considers appropriate.

24 **SECTION 81.** 27.165 of the statutes is created to read:

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1           **27.165 Local park districts; dissolution. (1) DISSOLUTION.** In addition to  
2 a district being dissolved upon a withdrawal, as described in s. 27.161 (9), the  
3 commission may also vote to dissolve a district. If a district is dissolved, on the date  
4 the dissolution becomes effective all of the following apply:

5           (a) All assets and liabilities of the district shall be apportioned to, and become  
6 the assets and liabilities of, the sponsoring or participating political subdivisions and  
7 the governing bodies of any political subdivisions that joined the district under s.  
8 27.162.

9           (b) All positions of the district, and the incumbent employees occupying those  
10 positions, become positions and employees of the political subdivisions described  
11 under par. (a), as apportioned by the commission. Employees so transferred have all  
12 the rights under subch. I of ch. 63, subch. IV of ch. 111, s. 59.52 (8), and s. 66.0509  
13 that they enjoyed as employees of the district. No employee so transferred who has  
14 attained permanent status in class is required to serve a probationary period.

15           (c) All real property and all tangible personal property of the district is  
16 transferred to the political subdivisions described under par. (a), as apportioned by  
17 the commission.

18           (d) All contracts entered into by the district remain in effect and are transferred  
19 to the political subdivisions described under par. (a), as apportioned by the  
20 commission. The political subdivisions shall carry out any obligations under such  
21 a contract until the contract is modified or rescinded by the political subdivisions, to  
22 the extent allowed under the contract.

23           (e) Any matter pending with the district is transferred to the political  
24 subdivisions described under par. (a), as apportioned by the commission and all  
25 materials submitted to or actions taken by the district with respect to park and

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1 recreational functions are considered as having been submitted to or taken by the  
2 political subdivisions.

3 (f) In apportioning property under par. (c), the commission shall consider at  
4 least all of the following factors:

5 1. The current value of park facilities transferred by a political subdivision to  
6 a district.

7 2. The amount of money contributed to the district during its existence by a  
8 political subdivision under s. 27.163 (8).

9 3. The amount of any other contribution made by a political subdivision to a  
10 district, including any contribution that is made under s. 27.164 (2).

11 (2) ARBITRATION. In the event that a question arises concerning the application  
12 of sub. (1) or s. 27.161 (6) to any situation, the question shall be resolved by the  
13 arbitrator selected under the procedure in s. 27.161 (5) (b) 2., subject to any  
14 applicable law.

15 **SECTION 82.** 30.277 (1b) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 30.277 (1b) (a) "Governmental unit" means a city, a village, a town, a county,  
17 a local park district created under s. 27.161, or the Kickapoo reserve management  
18 board.

19 **SECTION 83.** 40.02 (28) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 40.02 (28) "Employer" means the state, including each state agency, any  
21 county, city, village, town, school district, other governmental unit or  
22 instrumentality of 2 or more units of government now existing or hereafter created  
23 within the state, any federated public library system established under s. 43.19  
24 whose territory lies within a single county with a population of 500,000 or more, a  
25 local exposition district created under subch. II of ch. 229, a local park district created

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1 under s. 27.161, and a family care district created under s. 46.2895, except as  
2 provided under ss. 40.51 (7) and 40.61 (3) and subch. X. "Employer" does not include  
3 a local cultural arts district created under subch. V of ch. 229. Each employer shall  
4 be a separate legal jurisdiction for OASDHI purposes.

5 **SECTION 84.** 40.02 (28) of the statutes, as affected by 1999 Wisconsin Act 65 and  
6 2007 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

7 40.02 (28) "Employer" means the state, including each state agency, any  
8 county, city, village, town, school district, other governmental unit or  
9 instrumentality of 2 or more units of government now existing or hereafter created  
10 within the state, any federated public library system established under s. 43.19  
11 whose territory lies within a single county with a population of 500,000 or more, a  
12 local exposition district created under subch. II of ch. 229, a local park district created  
13 under s. 27.161, and a family care district created under s. 46.2895, except as  
14 provided under ss. 40.51 (7) and 40.61 (3). "Employer" does not include a local  
15 cultural arts district created under subch. V of ch. 229. Each employer shall be a  
16 separate legal jurisdiction for OASDHI purposes.

17 **SECTION 85.** 66.0301 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 66.0301 (1) (a) In this section "municipality" means the state or any  
19 department or agency thereof, or any city, village, town, county, school district, public  
20 library system, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, sanitary  
21 district, farm drainage district, metropolitan sewerage district, sewer utility district,  
22 solid waste management system created under s. 59.70 (2), local exposition district  
23 created under subch. II of ch. 229, local professional baseball park district created  
24 under subch. III of ch. 229, local professional football stadium district created under  
25 subch. IV of ch. 229, -a- local cultural arts district created under subch. V of ch. 229,

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1 local park district created under s. 27.161, family care district under s. 46.2895,  
2 water utility district, mosquito control district, municipal electric company, county  
3 or city transit commission, commission created by contract under this section,  
4 taxation district, regional planning commission, or city-county health department.

5 **SECTION 86.** 66.0617 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 66.0617 (1) (a) "Capital costs" means the capital costs to construct, expand, or  
7 improve public facilities, including the cost of land, and including legal, engineering,  
8 and design costs to construct, expand, or improve public facilities, except that not  
9 more than ~~10%~~ 10 percent of capital costs may consist of legal, engineering, and  
10 design costs unless the municipality or local park district can demonstrate that its  
11 legal, engineering, and design costs which relate directly to the public improvement  
12 for which the impact fees were imposed exceed ~~10%~~ 10 percent of capital costs.  
13 "Capital costs" does not include other noncapital costs to construct, expand, or  
14 improve public facilities, vehicles; or the costs of equipment to construct, expand, or  
15 improve public facilities.

16 **SECTION 87.** 66.0617 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

17 66.0617 (1) (am) "Local park district" has the meaning given for district in s.  
18 27.16 (4).

19 **SECTION 88.** 66.0617 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 66.0617 (1) (c) "Impact fees" means cash contributions, contributions of land  
21 or interests in land, or any other items of value that are imposed on a developer by  
22 a municipality or a local park district under this section.

23 **SECTION 89.** 66.0617 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 66.0617 (1) (d) "Land development" means the construction or modification of  
25 improvements to real property that creates additional residential dwelling units



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1 within a municipality or local park district or that results in nonresidential uses that  
2 create a need for new, expanded, or improved public facilities within a municipality  
3 or local park district.

4 **SECTION 90.** 66.0617 (1) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 66.0617 (1) (g) "Service area" means a geographic area delineated by a  
6 municipality or local park district within which there are public facilities.

7 **SECTION 91.** 66.0617 (1) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 66.0617 (1) (h) "Service standard" means a certain quantity or quality of public  
9 facilities relative to a certain number of persons, parcels of land, or other appropriate  
10 measure, as specified by the municipality or local park district.

11 **SECTION 92.** 66.0617 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 66.0617 (2) (a) ~~A~~ Subject to par. (am), a municipality may enact an ordinance  
13 under this section, and a local park district may adopt a resolution under this section,  
14 that imposes impact fees on developers to pay for the capital costs that are necessary  
15 to accommodate land development.

16 **SECTION 93.** 66.0617 (2) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

17 66.0617 (2) (am) No local park district may impose an impact fee under this  
18 section for any purpose other than park facilities, as defined in s. 27.16 (7).

19 **SECTION 94.** 66.0617 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 66.0617 (3) PUBLIC HEARING; NOTICE. Before enacting an ordinance or adopting  
21 a resolution that imposes impact fees, or amending an existing ordinance or  
22 resolution that imposes impact fees, a municipality or a local park district shall hold  
23 a public hearing on the proposed ordinance or amendment. Notice of the public  
24 hearing shall be published as a class 1 notice under ch. 985, and shall specify where

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1 a copy of the proposed ordinance or amendment and the public facilities needs  
2 assessment may be obtained.

3 **SECTION 95.** 66.0617 (4) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 66.0617 (4) (a) (intro.) Before enacting an ordinance or adopting a resolution  
5 that imposes impact fees or amending an ordinance or resolution that imposes  
6 impact fees by revising the amount of the fee or altering the public facilities for which  
7 impact fees may be imposed, a municipality or a local park district shall prepare a  
8 needs assessment for the public facilities for which it is anticipated that impact fees  
9 may be imposed. The public facilities needs assessment shall include, but not be  
10 limited to, the following:

11 **SECTION 96.** 66.0617 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 66.0617 (4) (b) A public facilities needs assessment or revised public facilities  
13 needs assessment that is prepared under this subsection shall be available for public  
14 inspection and copying in the office of the clerk of the municipality or in the office of  
15 the secretary of the commission of the local park district at least 20 days before the  
16 hearing under sub. (3).

17 **SECTION 97.** 66.0617 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 66.0617 (5) DIFFERENTIAL FEES, IMPACT FEE ZONES. (a) An ordinance enacted or  
19 resolution adopted under this section may impose different impact fees on different  
20 types of land development.

21 (b) An ordinance enacted or resolution adopted under this section may  
22 delineate geographically defined zones within the municipality or local park district  
23 and may impose impact fees on land development in a zone that differ from impact  
24 fees imposed on land development in other zones within the municipality or local  
25 park district. The public facilities needs assessment that is required under sub. (4)

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1 shall explicitly identify the differences, such as land development or the need for  
2 those public facilities, which justify the differences between zones in the amount of  
3 impact fees imposed.

4 **SECTION 98.** 66.0617 (6) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 66.0617 (6) STANDARDS FOR IMPACT FEES. (intro.) Impact fees imposed by an  
6 ordinance enacted or resolution adopted under this section:

7 **SECTION 99.** 66.0617 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 66.0617 (6) (b) May not exceed the proportionate share of the capital costs that  
9 are required to serve land development, as compared to existing uses of land within  
10 the municipality or local park district.

11 **SECTION 100.** 66.0617 (6) (h) of the statutes is created to read:

12 66.0617 (6) (h) Shall be payable by the developer to the local park district either  
13 in full or in installment payments that are approved by the local park district.

14 **SECTION 101.** 66.0617 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 66.0617 (7) LOW-COST HOUSING. An ordinance enacted or resolution adopted  
16 under this section may provide for an exemption from, or a reduction in the amount  
17 of, impact fees on land development that provides low-cost housing, except that no  
18 amount of an impact fee for which an exemption or reduction is provided under this  
19 subsection may be shifted to any other development in the land development in  
20 which the low-cost housing is located or to any other land development in the  
21 municipality or local park district.

22 **SECTION 102.** 66.0617 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 66.0617 (8) REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPACT FEE REVENUES. Revenues from each  
24 impact fee that is imposed shall be placed in a separate segregated interest-bearing  
25 account and shall be accounted for separately from the other funds of the

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1 municipality or local park district. Impact fee revenues and interest earned on  
2 impact fee revenues may be expended only for the particular capital costs for which  
3 the impact fee was imposed, unless the fee is refunded under sub. (9).

4 **SECTION 103.** 66.0617 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 66.0617 (9) (a) Subject to par. (b), an ordinance enacted or resolution adopted  
6 under this section shall specify that impact fees that are imposed and collected by  
7 a municipality or local park district but are not used within 7 years after they are  
8 collected to pay the capital costs for which they were imposed shall be refunded to  
9 the current owner of the property with respect to which the impact fees were  
10 imposed, along with any interest that has accumulated, ~~in~~ as described in sub. (8).  
11 The ordinance or resolution shall specify, by type of public facility, reasonable time  
12 periods within which impact fees must be spent or refunded under this subsection,  
13 subject to the 7-year limit in this paragraph and the extended time period specified  
14 in par. (b). In determining the length of the time periods under the ordinance, a  
15 municipality or local park district shall consider what are appropriate planning and  
16 financing periods for the particular types of public facilities for which the impact fees  
17 are imposed.

18 (b) The 7-year time limit for using impact fees that is specified under par. (a)  
19 may be extended for 3 years if the ~~political subdivision~~ municipality or local park  
20 district adopts a resolution stating that, due to extenuating circumstances or  
21 hardship in meeting the 7-year limit, it needs an additional 3 years to use the impact  
22 fees that were collected. The resolution shall specify the extenuating circumstances  
23 or hardship that led to the need to adopt a resolution under this paragraph.

24 **SECTION 104.** 66.0617 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           66.0617 (10) APPEAL. A municipality that enacts an impact fee ordinance under  
2 this section shall, by ordinance, and a local park district that adopts an impact fee  
3 resolution under this section shall, by resolution, specify a procedure under which  
4 a developer upon whom an impact fee is imposed has the right to contest the amount,  
5 collection, or use of the impact fee to the governing body of the municipality or local  
6 park district.

7           **SECTION 105.** 67.01 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

8           67.01 (5) "Municipality" means any of the following which is authorized to levy  
9 a tax: a county, city, village, town, school district, board of park commissioners,  
10 technical college district, metropolitan sewerage district created under ss. 200.01 to  
11 200.15 or 200.21 to 200.65, town sanitary district under subch. IX of ch. 60, local park  
12 district created under s. 27.161, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation  
13 district established under s. 33.23, 33.235, or 33.24, and any other public body  
14 empowered to borrow money and issue obligations to repay the money out of public  
15 funds or revenues. "Municipality" does not include the state.

16           **SECTION 106.** 70.11 (37m) of the statutes is created to read:

17           70.11 (37m) LOCAL PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT. The property of a local park  
18 district under s. 27.161.

19           **SECTION 107.** 71.26 (1) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

20           71.26 (1) (bm) *Certain local districts.* Income of a local exposition district  
21 created under subch. II of ch. 229, a local professional baseball park district created  
22 under subch. III of ch. 229, a local professional football stadium district created  
23 under subch. IV of ch. 229, ~~or~~ a local cultural arts district created under subch. V of  
24 ch. 229, or a local park district created under s. 27.161.

25           **SECTION 108.** 77.25 (18m) of the statutes is created to read:

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1           77.25 (18m) To a local park district under s. 27.161.

2           **SECTION 109.** 77.54 (9a) (i) of the statutes is created to read:

3           77.54 (9a) (i) A local park district under s. 27.161.

4           **SECTION 110.** 350.01 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

5           350.01 (2m) "Local park district" means a local park district created under s.  
6 27.161 by one or more counties but not with the participation of any city, village, or  
7 town.

8           **SECTION 111.** 350.01 (9j) of the statutes is created to read:

9           350.01 (9j) "Local park district" means a local park district created under s.  
10 27.161.

11          **SECTION 112.** 350.01 (11m) of the statutes is amended to read:

12          350.01 (11m) "Sanctioned race or derby" means a competitive snowmobile  
13 event sponsored by a county, local park district, town, city, or village, by a promoter,  
14 by a chamber of commerce, or by a snowmobile club or other similar organization.

15          **SECTION 113.** 350.04 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16          350.04 (3) (a) No county, town, city or, village, or local park district shall be  
17 liable for any injury suffered in connection with a race or derby under this section,  
18 unless the injury is caused by the negligence of the county, town, city or, village, or  
19 local park district.

20          **SECTION 114.** 350.04 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

21          350.04 (3) (b) The county, town, city or, village, or local park district shall post  
22 the provisions of par. (a) in a conspicuous place, readily accessible to all contestants  
23 and spectators, and shall assist in locating and identifying persons responsible for  
24 injuries that may occur.

25          **SECTION 115.** 350.12 (4) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           350.12 (4) (b) 1. State aids and funds for maintenance costs shall be ~~100%~~ 100  
2 percent of the actual cost of maintaining the trail per year up to a \$250 per mile per  
3 year maximum, except as provided in pars. (bg) to (br). Qualifying trails are trails  
4 approved by the board as snowmobile trails. State aid for development may equal  
5 ~~100%~~ 100 percent of development expenses. Aids for major reconstruction or  
6 rehabilitation projects to improve bridges may equal ~~100%~~ 100 percent of eligible  
7 costs. Aids for trail rehabilitation may equal ~~100%~~ 100 percent of eligible costs.  
8 Development shall begin the same year the land is acquired. Moneys available for  
9 development shall be distributed on a ~~100%~~ 100 percent grant basis, ~~75%~~ 75 percent  
10 at the time of approval but no later than January 1 and ~~25%~~ 25 percent upon  
11 completion of the project. ~~A county~~ An application from a county or a local park  
12 district may include a request for development, rehabilitation or maintenance of  
13 trails, or any combination thereof. Trail routes, sizes and specifications shall be  
14 prescribed only by the board.

15           **SECTION 116.** 350.12 (4) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

16           350.12 (4) (b) 3. Not more than \$30,000 for a route signing program of aids to  
17 cities, villages, towns ~~or~~, counties, or local park districts of up to ~~100%~~ 100 percent  
18 of the cost of initial signing of snowmobile routes which connect authorized  
19 snowmobile trails or which offer entrance to or exit from snowmobile trails leading  
20 to ~~such municipalities~~ the cities, village, towns, or counties. Aid may be provided  
21 under this subdivision to cities, villages, towns ~~and~~, counties and local park districts  
22 for up to ~~100%~~ 100 percent of the cost of placing signs developed under s. 350.108 (1)  
23 (b) which briefly explain the intoxicated snowmobiling law along snowmobile routes.  
24 Applications and documentation shall be submitted to the department by April 15  
25 of each year on forms prescribed by departmental rule.

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1           **SECTION 117.** 350.12 (4) (bg) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

2           350.12 (4) (bg) 1. Of the moneys appropriated under s. 20.370 (5) (cs), the  
3 department shall make available in fiscal year 2001-02 and each fiscal year  
4 thereafter an amount equal to the amount calculated under s. 25.29 (1) (d) 2. to make  
5 payments to the department or to a county or local park district under par. (bm) for  
6 trail maintenance costs incurred in the previous fiscal year that exceed the  
7 maximum specified under par. (b) 1. before expending any of the amount for the other  
8 purposes specified in par. (b).

9           **SECTION 118.** 350.12 (4) (bg) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

10          350.12 (4) (bg) 2. For fiscal year 2001-02, and for each fiscal year thereafter,  
11 the department shall calculate an amount equal to the number of trail use stickers  
12 issued under sub. (3j) in the previous fiscal year multiplied by \$15 and shall credit  
13 this amount to the appropriation account under s. 20.370 (5) (cw). From the  
14 appropriation account under s. 20.370 (5) (cw), the department shall make payments  
15 to the department or, a county, or a local park district for the purposes specified in  
16 par. (b). The department shall make payments under par. (bm) for trail maintenance  
17 costs that were incurred in the previous fiscal year and that exceed the maximum  
18 specified under par. (b) 1. before making payments for any of the other purposes  
19 specified in par. (b).

20          **SECTION 119.** 350.12 (4) (bm) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

21          350.12 (4) (bm) *Supplemental trail aids; eligibility.* (intro.) A county, a local  
22 park district, or the department shall be eligible for payments under par. (bg) for a  
23 given fiscal year if it applies for the aid and if all of the following apply:

24          **SECTION 120.** 350.12 (4) (bm) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:



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1           350.12 (4) (bm) 1. The actual cost incurred by the department ~~or~~, the county,  
2           or the local park district in maintaining its trails that are qualified under par. (b) 1.  
3           or 4. in the previous fiscal year exceeds the maximum of \$250 per mile per year under  
4           par. (b) 1.

5           **SECTION 121.** 350.12 (4) (bm) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

6           350.12 (4) (bm) 2. Of the actual cost incurred by the department ~~or~~, the county,  
7           or the local park district in maintaining its trails that are qualified under par. (b) 1.  
8           or 4. for the fiscal year applicable under subd. 1., the actual cost incurred in grooming  
9           the trails exceeds a maximum of \$150 per mile per year.

10          **SECTION 122.** 350.12 (4) (br) of the statutes is amended to read:

11          350.12 (4) (br) *Supplemental trail aids; insufficient funding.* If the aid that is  
12          payable ~~to counties and to the department~~ under par. (bm) exceeds the moneys  
13          available under par. (bg), the department may prorate the payments or may request  
14          the joint committee on finance to take action under s. 13.101. The requirement of a  
15          finding of emergency under s. 13.101 (3) (a) 1. does not apply to such a request.

16          **SECTION 123.** 350.138 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

17          350.138 (1) (d) "Snowmobile alliance" means an organization that consists of  
18          or represents any combination of 2 or more snowmobile clubs ~~or~~, counties, or local  
19          park districts.

20          **SECTION 124.** 350.138 (1) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

21          350.138 (1) (f) "Snowmobile organization" means a snowmobile club, a  
22          snowmobile alliance ~~or~~, a county, or a local park district.

23          **SECTION 125.** 350.18 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

24          350.18 (1) ~~Counties, towns, cities and villages~~ A county, city, town, or village  
25          may regulate snowmobile operation on snowmobile trails ~~maintained by or on~~

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1 snowmobile routes designated by under the jurisdiction of the county, city, town, or  
2 village.

3 **SECTION 126. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the January 1 following  
4 the date of publication, except as follows:

5 (1) The treatment of section 20.370 (5) (ct) (by SECTION 37) of the statutes takes  
6 effect on July 1, 2007, or the day after publication, whichever is later.

7 (2) The repeal and recreation of section 40.02 (28) of the statutes takes effect  
8 on January 1, 2010.

9 (END)