

2007 SENATE BILL 521

February 20, 2008 – Introduced by Senators LASSA, HARSDORF, KEDZIE, SCHULTZ, GROTHMAN, LEHMAN, KAPANKE and ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives VOS, GRONEMUS, TURNER, MUSSER, BALLWEG, ALBERS, A. WILLIAMS, TOWNSEND, HUBLER, ZEPNICK, PETROWSKI, MOLEPSKE and NYGREN. Referred to Committee on Ethics Reform and Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 70.09 (2) (a) (intro.), 70.09 (2) (a) 1., 70.09 (2) (b), 70.09 (2) (c)
2 and 70.09 (3) (d); and *to create* 70.09 (2) (am) and 70.09 (2) (dm) of the statutes;
3 **relating to:** the duties of a real property lister.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a county board may appoint a real property lister (lister) to prepare and maintain accurate ownership and description information for all parcels of real property in the county. Under current law, a lister may also provide information on parcels of real property in the county for the use of taxation district assessors; city, village, and town clerks and treasurers; county offices; and any other persons who require the information. Under this bill, a lister must collect, organize, and distribute information on real property records maintained by the county for the use of taxation district assessors; city, village, and town clerks and treasurers; county offices; the Department of Revenue (DOR); and any other persons who request the information.

Under current law, a lister may serve as a coordinator between the county and the taxation districts in the county for property assessment and taxation purposes. The bill provides, instead, that a lister must serve as a coordinator and facilitator among DOR, the county, and the taxation districts in the county for property assessment purposes.

This bill requires that a lister review recorded real property conveyance documents to determine if the documents are valid, accurate, and complete for assessment, taxation, and parcel mapping purposes. The bill also requires that a

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lister create and maintain databases of real property ownership, assessment, and taxation information and to provide for the electronic transfer and publication of such databases to taxation district assessors; city, village, and town clerks and treasurers; county offices; and DOR.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 70.09 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 70.09 (2) (a) (intro.) To prepare and maintain accurate ownership and
3 description information for all parcels of real property in the county. That
4 information ~~may~~ shall include the following:

5 **SECTION 2.** 70.09 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

6 70.09 (2) (a) 1. Parcel identification numbers.

7 **SECTION 3.** 70.09 (2) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

8 70.09 (2) (am) To review recorded real property conveyance documents to
9 determine if the documents are valid, accurate, and complete for assessment,
10 taxation, and parcel mapping purposes.

11 **SECTION 4.** 70.09 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 70.09 (2) (b) To ~~provide~~ collect, organize, and distribute information on parcels
13 of real property ~~in records maintained by~~ the county for the use of taxation district
14 assessors,; city, village, and town clerks and treasurers ~~and~~; county offices; the
15 department of revenue; and any other persons ~~requiring~~ requesting that
16 information.

17 **SECTION 5.** 70.09 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

