

## 2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 592

November 29, 2007 – Introduced by LAW REVISION COMMITTEE. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 84.011 of the statutes; **relating to:** the authorization of the  
2 secretary of transportation or his or her designee to execute conveyances,  
3 contracts, and agreements in the name of the Department of Transportation  
4 (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Transportation).

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the secretary of transportation, or the secretary's designees, may sign and execute in the name of the Department of Transportation conveyances, contracts, and agreements with the federal government, subdivisions of this state, corporations, and other persons.

This bill expands this authorization to also include conveyances, contracts, and agreements with other states and their subdivisions.

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

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

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Transportation and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill

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makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

1           **SECTION 1.** 84.011 of the statutes is amended to read:

2           **84.011 Who to sign contracts.** The secretary, or the secretary's designees,  
3 may sign and execute in the name of the department any conveyance or any contract  
4 or agreement with the federal government or its departments, subdivisions of the  
5 this state, other states or subdivisions of other states, corporations, limited liability  
6 companies, associations, partnerships and individuals.

NOTE: According to the Department of Transportation, the intent of this amendment is not to expand the contracting authority of the department but merely to expressly state that the secretary may designate department staff to sign and execute in the name of the department any conveyance or contract or agreement with other states or their subdivisions. The department states that this extension is consistent with the broad authority in the current statute to designate department staff to sign contracts involving the federal government or its departments, political subdivisions of this state, and corporations, limited liability companies, associations, partnerships, and individuals.

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