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**WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ...  
PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS**

**2007-08**

(session year)

**Assembly**

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**Committee on ... Housing  
(AC-Ho)**

**COMMITTEE NOTICES ...**

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**INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL**

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- Clearinghouse Rules ... **CRule**
- Hearing Records ... bills and resolutions  
(**ab** = Assembly Bill)                      (**ar** = Assembly Resolution)                      (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)  
(**sb** = Senate Bill)                              (**sr** = Senate Resolution)                      (**sjr** = Senate Joint Resolution)
- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**

\* Contents organized for archiving by: Mike Barman (LRB) (Aug/2010)



Moved by Representative Townsend, seconded by Representative Honadel that **Assembly Amendment 1** be recommended for introduction and adoption.

Ayes: (7) Representatives Wieckert, Stone, Townsend, Honadel, Hebl, Young and A. Williams.

Noes: (0) None.


INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Representative Townsend, seconded by Representative Young that **Assembly Bill 857** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (7) Representatives Wieckert, Stone, Townsend, Honadel, Hebl, Young and A. Williams.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

  
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Scott Becher  
Committee Clerk



## Vote Record Committee on Housing

Date: 3/6/88

Moved by: TOWNSEND

Seconded by: YOUNG

AB 857

SB \_\_\_\_\_

Clearinghouse Rule \_\_\_\_\_

AJR \_\_\_\_\_

SJR \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment \_\_\_\_\_

AR \_\_\_\_\_

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Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Be recommended for:

- Passage     
  Adoption     
  Confirmation     
  Concurrence     
  Indefinite Postponement  
 Introduction     
  Rejection     
  Tabling     
  Nonconcurrence

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
<b>Representative Steve Wieckert, Chair</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Jeff Stone</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Vote Record Committee on Housing

Date: 3/6/88

Moved by: TOWNSEND

Seconded by: HONADEL

AB 857

SB \_\_\_\_\_

Clearinghouse Rule \_\_\_\_\_

AJR \_\_\_\_\_

SJR \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment \_\_\_\_\_

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Other \_\_\_\_\_

A/S Amdt 1

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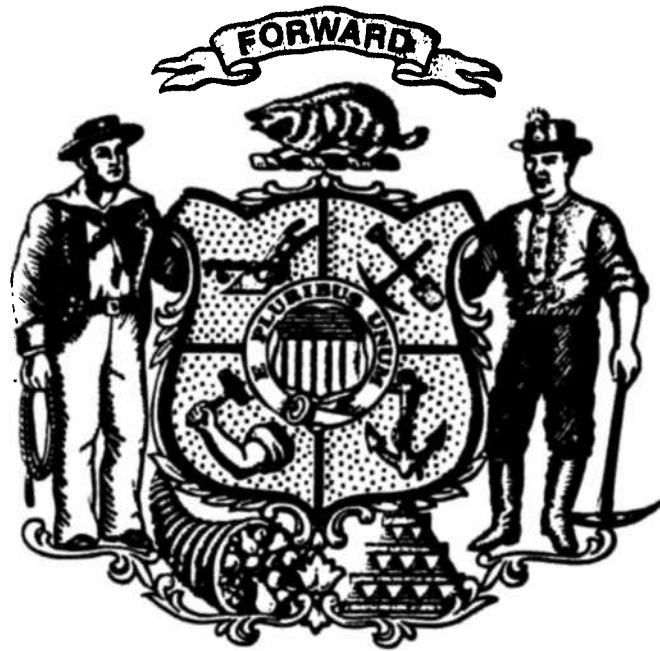
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed



**Becher, Scott**

**From:** Hale, Janine  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 05, 2008 3:32 PM  
**To:** Becher, Scott; Matthias, Mary  
**Subject:** LRBa1537/2 to AB 857  
**Attachments:** 07a15372.pdf

Scott and Mary,

Per my phone call, attached is the /2 to the simple amendment to AB 857. The only change is on line 2...the words "by rule" were taken out.

Rep. Vos would like this introduced as a committee amendment.

Thank you,

Janine Hale

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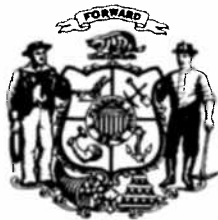
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# Robin J. Vos

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**Testimony on Assembly Bill 857 ~ Duties of a real property lister**  
**State Representative Robin Vos**  
**March 6, 2008**  
**Assembly Housing Committee**

Dear Rep. Wieckert and members of the committee:

Thank you for holding a hearing on Assembly Bill 857. This legislation updates Chapter 70.09 of the state statutes which outlines the duties performed by a real property lister. Under current law a county board may appoint a real property lister and appropriate funds for the operation of a county real property lister's office. The lister works with the recorded documents from the Register of Deeds office and uses that information to set up the real estate assessment and tax rolls in order to prepare the tax bills that are sent out every December. They also maintain the personal property assessment and tax roll information received from local assessors for the same end purpose. Many listers are also involved in the GIS and parcel mapping functions that are a by-product of the title and description work done through the assessment roll process.

In simple terms, the changes proposed by AB 857 update state statutes to reflect the computerization and technological advances used in the daily functions of the real property lister's office. Some of the new functions created under the bill include:

- The mandatory requirement that all real property parcel information include parcel identification numbers, owner's name and mailing address, accurate legal descriptions, number of acres and codes to identify which school district and special purpose district in which the parcel is located.
- The review of recorded real property conveyance documents to determine if they are valid, accurate and complete for assessment, taxation and parcel mapping purposes.
- The creation and maintenance of databases of real property ownership and assessment information and to provide for the electronic transfer and publication of these databases for use by assessors, municipal clerks and treasurers and the Department of Revenue.

The Department of Revenue suggested some changes to the bill which I have drafted into a simple amendment. The language includes:

- Adding an effective date of January 1<sup>st</sup> to coincide with the next assessment cycle and to permit notification to be provided to local officials of the changes in the law.
- Granting the Department of Revenue the power to prescribe a uniform data format for all counties to follow in order to avoid seventy-two different data systems that would make information less useful and more difficult to obtain.

Again, thank you for holding a hearing on AB 857. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.





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## Assembly Committee on Housing Hearing, March 6, 2008

### **2007 AB 857 – Regarding the Duties of a Real Property Lister -- Representative Vos**

#### *Description of Current Law and Proposed Change*

Under current law, a county board may appoint a real property lister, appropriate funds for the operation of the real property lister's office, and delegate any of the following duties to the real property lister:

- (1) The preparation and maintenance of accurate ownership and description information for all parcels of real property in the county. This information may include parcel numbers, owner's name and mailing address, accurate legal descriptions, number of acres if more than one acre, and codes to identify which school district and special purpose district (if any) in which the parcel is located.
- (2) The provision of information on real property parcels for use by assessors, municipal clerks and treasurers, other county officials, and other persons requiring this information.
- (3) To serve as the coordinator between the county and municipalities for property assessment purposes.
- (4) The provision of computer services related to assessment and taxation to municipal assessors, clerks, and treasurers, including but not limited to data entry for the assessment roll, assessment notices, summary reports, tax rolls, and tax bills.

In addition, the Department of Revenue (DOR) prescribes the forms used to prepare assessment rolls, tax rolls, tax bills, and other property tax related matters. Each county designee (typically the real property lister) who needs copies of these forms must obtain them from DOR, at county expense, and distribute them to assessors and municipal clerks and treasurers, as needed.

Under the bill, if a county board chooses to appoint a real property lister and fund the operation of the real property lister's office, the assigned duties of the real property lister are expanded and changed such that, if assigned, some of the duties are now mandatory. The revised list is as follows:

- (1) The preparation and maintenance of accurate ownership and description information for all parcels of real property in the county. This information must, rather than may as under current law, include parcel identification numbers, owner's name and mailing address, accurate legal descriptions, number of acres if more than one acre, and codes to identify which school district and special purpose district (if any) in which the parcel is located.
- (2) The review of recorded real property conveyance documents to determine if they are valid, accurate, and complete for assessment, taxation, and parcel mapping purposes.
- (3) The collection, organization, and distribution of information concerning real property records maintained by the county for use by assessors, municipal clerks and treasurers, other county officials, the DOR, and other persons requesting this information.
- (4) To serve as the coordinator and facilitator among the DOR, the county, and municipalities for property assessment purposes.
- (5) The provision of computer services related to assessment and taxation to municipal assessors, clerks, and treasurers, including but not limited to data entry for the assessment roll, assessment notices, summary reports, tax rolls, and tax bills.

- (6) The creation and maintenance of databases of real property ownership and assessment information, and to provide for the electronic transfer and publication of these databases for use by assessors, municipal clerks and treasurers, and the DOR.

The allowable duties under (2) and (6) above are newly articulated by the bill.

Under the bill, DOR will still prescribe the forms used to prepare assessment rolls, tax rolls, tax bills, and other property tax related matters. Each county designee (typically the real property lister) who needs copies of these forms would obtain them, but no longer explicitly at county expense, and distribute them to assessors and municipal clerks and treasurers, as needed.

#### *Fairness/Tax Equity*

- The bill has no effect on tax fairness or equity.

#### *Impact on Economic Development*

- The bill has no effect on economic development.

#### *Administrative Impact/Fiscal Effect*

- Data on expenditures by real property listers is not separately reported in the annual financial report forms filed by counties with the DOR. Thus, it is not possible to accurately estimate any increase in costs the bill could engender. However, to the extent that most counties have undergone or are undergoing a process of updating and modernizing their land records, it is probable that many of the new and revised duties of the real property lister are already being performed by the tax lister or some other county official. As a result, the bill is expected to have minimal effect on county expenditures.
- With regard to the forms DOR requires for assessment rolls, tax rolls, tax bills, and other property tax related matters, at one time the county designee was responsible for obtaining copies for use by local officials. Today, all of these forms are available in electronic format on the DOR web site and, in some cases, in electronic format from the county designee. Thus, the provision concerning the county designee obtaining these forms at county expense is archaic. This change in the law is therefore expected to have no effect on county or municipal expenditures.
- The bill is expected to have no effect on DOR administrative costs.
- To ensure that the databases established as a result of the bill are compatible across counties, a technical amendment to the bill could specify that a lister's duty to create and maintain databases of property and assessment information be done in a manner prescribed by the Department of Revenue. This provision would clarify a role for the department parallel to its existing role in prescribing forms used in property tax matters.
- A technical amendment to specify that the bill initially applies to tax assessments as of January 1, 2009 would allow the bill to coincide with the assessment cycle and provide time to notify local officials of the bill's changes.

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