



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2009 Senate Bill 507**

**Senate  
Amendment 1**

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Senate Amendment 1 affects Senate Bill 507 in the following ways:

1. The bill provides that when a register of deeds transfers instruments filed or recorded before April 1, 2006 to an electronic format, he or she must make a reasonable effort to redact Social Security numbers from the instrument's electronic format. The amendment provides that, rather than redacting Social Security numbers from an instrument's electronic format, the register of deeds must make the numbers not viewable or accessible on the Internet.
2. The bill provides that if a county has established a county assessor system or maintains land records that identify the zoning classification of individual parcels, the county board must post on the Internet land records that identify the zoning classification of individual parcels. The amendment provides that a county with a county assessor system must provide Internet access to countywide property tax assessment data and, if county land records identify the zoning classification of individual land records, the county board must post these records on the Internet.
3. The bill provides that no later than March 31 following the end of any year in which a county accepts a grant from the Department of Administration (DOA) for a land information system or increased fees for the removal of Social Security numbers, the county land office must submit a report to the department describing its expenditures from these funds. The amendment changes the date of the report to no later than June 30.
4. The bill provides that a county having a land information office, and in which land records are not fully accessible, the county's record modernization plan must include a goal of providing full access to land records on the Internet. The bill also provides that a county receiving a DOA grant and retaining the additional fees authorized in the bill must use these funds first for implementing a land information system and making the system accessible on

the Internet. The amendment provides that only public land records must be placed on the Internet.

5. The bill provides that a county with a land information office must create a land information council consisting of not less than seven members. The council must include certain ex officio members and, as appointed by the county board, a member of the county board, a representative of the land information office, a realtor employed within the county, and an emergency medical provider employed within the county. The amendment provides that the council will consist of no less than eight members with the following changes to those members appointed by the county board: (a) one member must be a realtor or a member of the Realtors Association employed within the county; (b) the emergency medical service provider is replaced by a public safety or emergency communications representative employed within the county; and (c) an additional required member must be a county surveyor or a registered professional land surveyor employed within the county.

### **Legislative History**

On February 18, 2010, the Senate Committee on Ethics Reform and Government Operations introduced and adopted Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 507 and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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