



2013 SENATE BILL 180

May 8, 2013 – Introduced by Senators LASEE, GROTHMAN and LEIBHAM, cosponsored by Representatives THIESFELDT, BIES, BROOKS, ENDSLEY, KESTELL, LEMAHIEU and MURTHA. Referred to Energy, Consumer Protection, and Government Reform.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 79.04 (6) (c) 1. of the statutes; **relating to:** utility aid payments
2 to towns and counties for production plants that generate electricity from wind
3 power.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, for power production plants that begin operation as a new or repowered production plant after December 31, 2003, each county and municipality in which such a plant is located receives a utility aid payment based on the plant's megawatt capacity. The total amount of the payment for each production plant is calculated by multiplying the plant's megawatt capacity by \$2,000. If the production plant is located in a city or village, the city or village receives a payment equal to two-thirds of the total amount of the payment and the county in which the plant is located receives a payment equal to one-third of the total amount of the payment. If the production plant is located in a town, the town receives a payment equal to one-third of the total amount and the county in which the plant is located receives a payment equal to two-thirds of the total amount.

Under this bill, if a production plant that generates electricity from wind power is located in a town, the town receives a payment equal to 50 percent of the total amount of the utility aid payment for that plant, based on its megawatt capacity, and the county in which the plant is located receives a payment equal to 50 percent of the total amount of that utility aid payment.

