

## State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



## 2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 496

$AN\ ACT\ \emph{to\ amend}\ 196.137\ (2)\ (intro.);\ and\ \emph{to\ create}\ 196.137\ (2)\ (ap),\ 196.137\ (4),$
196.137 (5) and 227.01 (13) (zv) of the statutes; <b>relating to:</b> releases of
customer information by municipal utilities.
Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau
The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
Section 1. 196.137 (2) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2013 Wisconsin Act
25, is amended to read:
196.137 (2) PROHIBITION. (intro.) A municipal utility may not release customer
information to any person except with the consent of the customer obtained on a form
specified under sub. (4), or except to any of the following:
SECTION 2. 196.137 (2) (ap) of the statutes is created to read:
196.137 (2) (ap) In connection with a real estate transaction or appraisal of real
property, a real estate broker or salesperson licensed under ch. 452 or an appraiser
certified or licensed under ch. 458.

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<b>SECTION 3.</b> 196.137 (4) of the statutes is created to read:
196.137 (4) Consent form. No later than the first day of the 2nd month
beginning after the effective date of this subsection [LRB inserts date], the
commission shall specify a form for a municipal utility to obtain a customer's consent
to the release of customer information.
<b>Section 3m.</b> 196.137 (5) of the statutes is created to read:
196.137 (5) Customer postcards. A municipal utility that sends a billing
statement to a customer on a postcard does not violate the prohibition under sub. (2).
<b>Section 4.</b> 227.01 (13) (zv) of the statutes is created to read:
227.01 (13) (zv) Specifies the form required under s. 196.137 (4).
Section 5. Initial applicability.
(1) The treatment of section 196.137 (2) (intro.) of the statutes first applies to
consent obtained on the effective date of this subsection.
SECTION 6. Effective dates. This act takes effect on the day after publication,
except as follows:
(1) The treatment of section 196.137 (2) (intro.) of the statutes and Section $5$
(1) of this act take effect on the first day of the 2nd month beginning after publication.
(END)