2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 901

March 31, 2014 – Introduced by Representative SHANKLAND. Referred to Committee on Energy and Utilities.

**AN ACT to create** 196.025 (7) and 196.025 (8) of the statutes; **relating to:** Public Service Commission contracts for studies of energy storage and solar thermal devices.

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**Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau**

This bill requires the Public Service Commission (PSC) to contract for a study to analyze the costs and benefits of installing at residential and commercial properties energy storage devices that are managed by public utilities serving the properties. The study must also analyze the legal and economic barriers to such installation. In addition, the bill requires the PSC to contract for a study to analyze the costs and benefits of installing solar thermal devices at such properties. Upon completion of the studies, the PSC must submit reports on the studies to the legislature.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

**SECTION 1.** 196.025 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

196.025 (7) **ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE STUDY.** The commission shall contract for a study to analyze the costs and benefits of installing at residential and commercial
properties energy storage devices that are managed by public utilities serving the properties. The study shall also analyze the legal and economic barriers to such installation. No later than January 1, 2015, the commission shall submit a report on the results of the study to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172 (3).

**SECTION 2.** 196.025 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

196.025 (8) **Solar Thermal Device Study.** The commission shall contract for a study to analyze the costs and benefits of installing solar thermal devices at residential and commercial properties. No later than January 1, 2015, the commission shall submit a report on the results of the study to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172 (3).

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