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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 11**

February 11, 2015 - Offered by Representatives MASON, STUCK, HEBL, POPE,
OHNSTAD, KAHL and WACHS.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 287.31 (4) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** exemptions from the
2 newspaper recycling fee.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a newspaper publisher is required, with certain exceptions, to pay a newspaper recycling fee unless at least 33 percent of the fiber in the newsprint is derived from postconsumer waste. Under current law, publishers of newspapers that have a circulation of less than 20,000 are exempt from the newspaper recycling fee, if the publisher can show that complying with the recycled content target would create a financial hardship for the publisher.

This substitute amendment provides that a publisher is exempt from the newspaper recycling fee if the publisher's newspaper has a circulation of less than 40,000, and if the publisher can show that complying with the recycled content target would create a financial hardship.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 287.31 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

