



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

<b>2019 Assembly Bill 249</b>	<b>Assembly Amendments 1 and 2</b>
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### **2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 249**

**2019 Assembly Bill 249** establishes several criteria that must be satisfied in order for either house of the Legislature to pass a bill designating a state highway or bridge in honor of an individual.<sup>1</sup> Among other criteria, Assembly Bill 249 provides that the honoree must have been deceased for more than five years, that the honoree must have been a legal resident of Wisconsin at the time of his or her death, that the designation must be without cost to the state, and that the author of the bill represents the district in which the highway or bridge is located.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

**Assembly Amendment 1** changes one of the criteria described above. It requires that the honoree must have been a legal resident of Wisconsin at any point in his or her life rather than at the time of his or her death.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2**

**Assembly Amendment 2** changes two of the criteria described above. It clarifies that the bill making the designation must prohibit the expenditure of state funds for the erection or maintenance of any markers identifying the designation, and it allows a bill to be passed if the highway or bridge is in the district of the author or any cosponsor instead of only the district of the author.

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<sup>1</sup> The bill prohibits either house of the Legislature from passing a bill designating a state highway or bridge in honor of a group or entity.

## **BILL HISTORY**

Representative Thiesfeldt introduced Assembly Amendment 1 on June 3, 2019. On June 4, 2019, the Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0; and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 3.

On June 19, 2019, Representative Vorpapel introduced Assembly Amendment 2.

On June 20, 2019, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendments 1 and 2, and passed the bill, as amended, on voice votes.

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