



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Frederick, BB0074 - Timber sales advertising requirement

FOR 2017-2019 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; **relating to:** the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

NATURAL RESOURCES

FORESTRY

This bill makes several changes to requirements relating to the sale of timber cut from state, county, or community forests.

Under current law, the sale of timber cut from a state, county, or community forest must be advertised in a local newspaper. Under this bill, the advertising requirement may be satisfied by posting notice on certain official Internet sites.

Under current law, the sale of timber with an estimated value of \$3,000 or more cut from a state, county, or community forest is subject to certain approval and notice requirements. Under this bill, the requirements apply to the sale of timber with an estimated value of \$10,000 or more.

Under current law, a county cutting merchantable wood products from a county forest must furnish DNR with a report within 90 days after completion of any cutting operation, but not more than two years after filing a cutting notice with DNR. Under this bill, the report must be furnished not more than five years after filing a cutting notice.

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

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

SECTION 1. 28.05 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

28.05 (2) PROCEDURE. ~~Sales~~ Any sale of cut products or stumpage having with an estimated value of ~~\$3,000~~ \$10,000 or more requires approval of the secretary and shall be by public sale after. Before the department may sell timber with an estimated value of \$10,000 or more, it shall announce the sale through a post on the department's Internet site or through 2 publications of a classified advertisement announcing the sale in a newspaper having general circulation in the county in which the timber to be sold is located. ~~Sales with an estimated value of \$3,000 or more requires approval by the secretary.~~

SECTION 2. 28.11 (6) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

28.11 (6) (b) 1. Any sale of timber sale with an estimated value of ~~\$3,000~~ \$10,000 or more from a county forest requires approval of the secretary and shall be by sealed bid or public sale after. Before a county may sell timber with an estimated value of \$10,000 or more from a county forest, it shall announce the sale through a post on the county's Internet site or through publication of a classified advertisement announcing the sale in a newspaper having general circulation in the county in which the timber to be sold is located. Any sale of timber sale with an estimated value below ~~\$3,000~~ \$10,000 may be made without prior advertising. ~~Any timber sale with an estimated value of \$3,000 or more requires approval of the secretary.~~

SECTION 3. 28.11 (6) (b) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

28.11 (6) (b) 4. Within 90 days after completion of any cutting operation, including timber trespass, but not more than ~~2~~ 5 years after filing the cutting notice, the county shall transmit to the department on forms furnished by the department, a report of merchantable wood products cut. The department may conduct any investigations on timber cutting operations that it considers to be advisable, including the holding of public hearings on the timber cutting operations, and may assess severance share payments accordingly.

SECTION 4. 28.22 of the statutes is amended to read:

28.22 Timber sales; community forests. Any sale of timber sale from a community forest shall be based on the scale, measure, or count of the cut products. Any sale of timber sale with an estimated value of ~~\$3,000~~ \$10,000 or more from a community forest shall be by public sale after. Before a city, village, town, or school district may sell timber with an estimated value of \$10,000 or more from a community forest, it shall announce the sale through a post on the Internet site of the city, village, town, or school district or through 2 publications of a classified advertisement announcing the sale in a newspaper having general circulation in the county in which the timber to be sold is located.

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