



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1414/P3
EHS:ahe

DOA:.....Frederick, BB0252 - Relocation of Chief Forester and Division of Forestry employees

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 requires DNR to relocate the headquarters for the chief state forester to an existing DNR facility north of STH 29 no later than January 1, 2018. The bill authorizes DNR to allow current employees located at the central DNR office in Madison to relocate to existing state facilities north of STH 29 that are designated by the chief state forester and requires DNR to report, by February 1, 2019, to the governor and JCF the number of employees who have relocated. The bill also requires DNR to authorize payment of moving expenses for any such employee who relocates.

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

SECTION 9133. Nonstatutory provisions; Natural Resources.

(1) RELOCATION OF CHIEF STATE FORESTER AND DIVISION OF FORESTRY EMPLOYEES.

(a) The department of natural resources shall relocate the headquarters for the chief state forester to an existing department facility north of STH 29 no later than January 1, 2018.

(b) The department of natural resources may allow individuals who are employed by the division of forestry on the effective date of this paragraph and located in the department office at 101 South Webster Street in the city of Madison to relocate to existing state-owned or state-leased facilities north of STH 29 designated by the chief state forester.

(c) For the 2017-18 and 2018-19 fiscal years, for each employee who relocates under paragraph (b), the department of natural resources shall authorize payment of the moving expenses described under section 20.917 (1) (a) of the statutes.

(d) By February 1, 2019, the department of natural resources shall submit a report to the governor and the cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance on the number of employees who have relocated under paragraph (b).

(END)