



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2007 Wisconsin Act 178**  
[2007 Assembly Bill 216]

**Community Service Work Option  
for Certain Defendants**

Under *current law*, a person who is imprisoned in county jail may be allowed to earn “good time” against his or her sentence by performing community service work for an approved nonprofit charitable organization or public agency. A person performing this community service work earns one day of “good time” for every three eight-hour days that he or she works.

Under *Act 178*, if a court allows a person who is sentenced to probation or imprisonment in a Huber facility to perform community service work or if a court orders a person to perform community service work because the person is unable to pay a fine, forfeiture, or court assessment, a county *may* establish a community service work program that allows the person to earn one day of “good time” for every one, two, or three eight-hour day that he or she works.

**Effective Date:** 2007 Wisconsin Act 178 takes effect on April 10, 2008.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.