

State of Misconsin 2003 - 2004 LEGISLATURE

2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 998

May 18, 2004 – Introduced by COMMITTEE ON ASSEMBLY ORGANIZATION. Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

1 AN ACT to renumber and amend 14.035; and to create 14.035 (2) and 19.85 (1)

 $\mathbf{2}$

(hm) of the statutes; relating to: approval of Indian gaming compacts.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the governor, on behalf of the state, is authorized to negotiate and enter into gaming compacts to regulate the operation of Indian gaming facilities. These compacts are regulated by the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

This bill provides that before the governor enters into, amends, extends, or renews an Indian gaming compact, the governor must submit the proposed compact to the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization (JCLO). The bill prohibits the governor from finalizing a compact unless it is approved by JCLO and the legislature. If JCLO approves a proposed compact, JCLO must introduce the proposed compact as a bill and inform the legislature that JCLO approves the proposed compact and recommends passage of the bill without change. If either JCLO or the legislature fails to approve a proposed gaming compact, the gaming compact is returned to the governor for renegotiation. Finally, the bill specifically provides that any meeting by JCLO to consider the proposed compact may be conducted in closed session.

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

ASSEMBLY BILL 998

1 SECTION 1. 14.035 of the statutes is renumbered 14.035 (1) and amended to 2 read:

3 14.035 (1) The Subject to sub. (2), the governor may, on behalf of this state,
4 enter into any compact that has been negotiated under 25 USC 2710 (d).

SECTION 2. 14.035 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

6 14.035 (2) Before entering into, amending, extending, or renewing a compact, 7 the governor shall submit the proposed compact to the joint committee on legislative 8 organization. The governor may not enter into, amend, extend, or renew a compact 9 unless the joint committee on legislative organization and the legislature approve 10 the proposed compact. If the committee approves a proposed compact, it shall 11 introduce the compact in a bill or companion bills to be put on the calendar. Upon 12introduction of a bill under this subsection, the committee shall inform the 13legislature that it approves the bill and recommends passage of the bill without 14 change. A bill introduced under this subsection is not subject to s. 13.093 (1) or 16.47 15(2). If the committee does not approve the proposed compact without change or if the 16 legislature does not adopt the bill without change, the proposed compact shall be 17returned to the governor for renegotiation.

18

 $\mathbf{5}$

SECTION 3. 19.85 (1) (hm) of the statutes is created to read:

19 19.85 (1) (hm) Deliberating by the joint committee on legislative organization
20 in a meeting on an Indian gaming compact submitted by the governor to the
21 committee under s. 14.035 (2).

22

(END)