2003 SENATE BILL 534

March 8, 2004 – Introduced by Senator Lazich, cosponsored by Representative Grothman. Referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Veterans and Military Affairs and Government Reform.

AN ACT *to amend* 66.0621 (1) (b) and 229.844 (8) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:**expanding the definition of public utility in the municipal revenue obligations
statute and inserting a missing word into the cultural arts district statute.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the definition of "public utility" in the municipal revenue obligations statute means any revenue producing facility or enterprise owned by a municipality and operated for a public purpose, and includes garbage incinerators, swimming pools, tennis courts, municipal halls, courthouses, jails, schools, hospitals, child care centers, local professional baseball park facilities, and any other necessary public works projects undertaken by a municipality.

This bill adds local professional football stadium facilities and local cultural arts facilities to that definition.

This bill also inserts the missing word "or" into a statute relating to employees and directors of, and persons executing bonds for, cultural arts districts. As affected by this bill, the provision will be consistent with the treatment of employees and directors of, and persons executing bonds for, local exposition districts, local professional baseball park districts, and local professional football stadium districts.

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

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SECTION 1. 66.0621 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.0621 (1) (b) "Public utility" means any revenue producing facility or enterprise owned by a municipality and operated for a public purpose as defined in s. 67.04 (1) (b) including garbage incinerators, toll bridges, swimming pools, tennis courts, parks, playgrounds, golf links, bathing beaches, bathhouses, street lighting, city halls, village halls, town halls, courthouses, jails, schools, cooperative educational service agencies, hospitals, homes for the aged or indigent, child care centers, as defined in s. 231.01 (3c), regional projects, waste collection and disposal operations, sewerage systems, local professional baseball park facilities, local professional football stadium facilities, local cultural arts facilities, and any other necessary public works projects undertaken by a municipality.

Section 2. 229.844 (8) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

229.844 **(8)** (c) No director, employee of the district nor any other person executing any agreements with respect to any bonds or other obligations under this subsection is personally liable on the obligations <u>or</u> subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance of such obligations.

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