



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 153

May 25, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives AUGUST, PRIDEMORE, KESTELL, NASS and THIESFELDT, cosponsored by Senators LASEE and VUKMIR. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Ethics.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 946.125 and 971.19 (13) of the statutes; **relating to:** absence
2 without leave from a legislative session and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, a legislator who is intentionally absent without leave for three consecutive days on which a roll call vote is taken during a biennial legislative session is subject to a fine of \$500 per day. Under the bill, venue for prosecuting this crime is any county that the legislator represents at the time he or she is absent without leave.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 946.125 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **946.125 Absence without leave.** Any legislator who is intentionally absent
5 without leave for at least 3 consecutive days on which a roll call vote is taken during

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1 a biennial legislative session shall be fined \$500 per day that he or she is
2 intentionally absent without leave.

3 **SECTION 2.** 971.19 (13) of the statutes is created to read:

4 971.19 (13) Notwithstanding sub. (12) or s. 971.223, in an action under s.
5 946.125, the defendant shall be tried in a circuit court in the district he or she
6 represents as a legislator at the time of the alleged violation of s. 946.125.

7 (END)