



State of Wisconsin
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2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 640

October 21, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives MURSAU, B. MEYERS, BROOKS, CALLAHAN, CONSIDINE, EDMING, KNODL, MILROY, OHNSTAD, ROZAR, SWEARINGEN, TITTL and TUSLER, cosponsored by Senators FELZKOWSKI, BEWLEY, BALLWEG, COWLES and SMITH. Referred to Committee on Rural Development.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 28.05 (2), 28.11 (6) (b) 1. and 28.22 of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** the threshold amount of timber sold from state, county, or community
3 forests above which certain approval and notice requirements apply.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill changes the threshold amount of timber sold from state, county, or community forests at or above which certain approval and notice requirements apply. Under current law, the approval and notice requirements apply to the sale of timber with an estimated value of \$3,000 or more. Under the bill, the requirements apply to the sale of timber with either an estimated volume of at least 500 cord equivalents or an estimated value of at least \$10,000.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 28.05 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 28.05 (2) PROCEDURE. Sales Any sale of cut products or stumpage having with
6 either an estimated volume of at least 500 cord equivalents or an estimated value of

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1 ~~\$3,000 or more~~ at least \$10,000 requires approval of the secretary and shall be by
2 public sale after. Before the department may sell timber that meets the volume or
3 value threshold under this subsection, it shall announce the sale through 2
4 publications of a classified advertisement announcing the sale in a newspaper
5 having general circulation in the county in which the timber to be sold is located.
6 ~~Sales with an estimated value of \$3,000 or more requires approval by the secretary.~~

7 **SECTION 2.** 28.11 (6) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 28.11 **(6)** (b) 1. Any sale of timber sale with either an estimated volume of at
9 least 500 cord equivalents or an estimated value of \$3,000 or more at least \$10,000
10 from a county forest requires approval of the secretary and shall be by sealed bid or
11 public sale after. Before a county may sell timber that meets the volume or value
12 threshold under this subdivision, it shall announce the sale through publication of
13 a classified advertisement announcing the sale in a newspaper having general
14 circulation in the county in which the timber to be sold is located. Any sale of timber
15 sale from a county forest with either an estimated volume below 500 cord equivalents
16 or an estimated value below \$3,000 \$10,000 may be made without prior advertising.
17 ~~Any timber sale with an estimated value of \$3,000 or more requires approval of the~~
18 ~~secretary.~~

19 **SECTION 3.** 28.22 of the statutes is amended to read:

20 **28.22 Timber sales; community forests.** Any sale of timber sale from a
21 community forest shall be based on the scale, measure, or count of the cut products.
22 Any sale of timber sale with either an estimated volume of at least 500 cord
23 equivalents or an estimated value of \$3,000 or more at least \$10,000 from a
24 community forest shall be by public sale after. Before a city, village, town, or school
25 district may sell timber from a community forest that meets the volume or value

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1 threshold under this section, it shall announce the sale through 2 publications of a
2 classified advertisement announcing the sale in a newspaper having general
3 circulation in the county in which the timber to be sold is located.

4 (END)