PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1   AN ACT *to repeal* 27.01 (6) (L), 44.16 and 44.20 (1) (b); and *to renumber and*

2   *amend* 44.20 (1) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** historical sites maintained by

3   the State Historical Society (suggested as remedial legislation by the State

4   Historical Society).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the State Historical Society must operate and maintain the historic sites known as Stonefield Village, Pendarvis, Villa Louis, Old Wade House, Madeline Island, Old World Wisconsin, H.H. Bennett Studios, First Capitol, and the Circus World Museum. No listed historical site may be closed without specific authorization to do so from the legislature and the governor. For each historical site listed, SHS may organize and maintain a nonstock, nonprofit corporation, and SHS may enter into a contract with such corporation, and sell memberships in such corporation. SHS may also employ individuals outside of the classified service sales and development professionals to engage in activities intended to generate admissions, sales, and other receipts for the listed historical sites, and to solicit contributions, gifts, grants, and bequests in support of the listed historical sites. Additionally, SHS and the Department of Tourism may enter into memorandums of understanding setting forth cooperation in regards to promoting and marketing the listed historical sites. The SHS director shall include in a biennial report to the legislature information regarding revenues and expenditures for each, and the condition of, the listed historical sites.

This bill clarifies that the Circus World Museum is one of the historical sites operated and maintained by SHS, and provides that SHS also operate and maintain

Reed School and Black Point Estate historical sites in the same manner as the currently listed sites above.

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

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

> LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the State Historical Society and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

1   SECTION 1. 27.01 (6) (L) of the statutes is repealed.

> NOTE: SECTIONS 1 and 3 repeal obsolete language regarding a now-completed planned transfer of the First Capitol State Park to the State Historical Society.

2   SECTION 2. 44.16 of the statutes is repealed.

> NOTE: SECTIONS 2 and 4 repeal obsolete provisions under which the State Historical Society operated Circus World Museum pursuant to a lease agreement with the Circus World Museum Foundation, Inc. The lease agreement terminated on January 1, 2018, and the State Historical Society has operated the Circus World Museum site directly since that date.

3   SECTION 3. 44.20 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 44.20 (1) and amended

4   to read:

5   44.20 **(1)** The historical society shall operate and maintain the historic sites

6   known as Stonefield Village, Pendarvis, Villa Louis, Old Wade House, Madeline

7   Island, Old World Wisconsin, H.H. Bennett Studios ~~and, if the First Capitol state~~

8   ~~park has been transferred to the historical society under 1993 Wisconsin Act 16,~~

9   ~~section 9142 (1e)~~, First Capitol, Reed School, Black Point Estate, and Circus World

10   Museum.

> NOTE: This SECTION updates the list of historic sites operated and maintained by the State Historical Society by adding Reed School and Black Point Estate.

11   SECTION 4. 44.20 (1) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

12   **(END)**