



1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 653

January 11, 2000 - Introduced by Representative ALBERS, cosponsored by Senator BURKE, by request of The Claims Board. Referred to Joint committee on Finance.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** expenditure of \$76,150 from moneys appropriated to the
2 department of transportation in payment of a claim against the state made by
3 Walworth County.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill directs expenditure of \$76,150 from moneys appropriated to the department of transportation (DOT) for the 1999-2001 fiscal biennium for improvement of existing state trunk highways and connecting highways and bridges, for construction and rehabilitation of interstate highways and for certain related programs in payment of a claim against DOT by Walworth County. In 1994, the county incurred real estate acquisition costs in connection with an improvement project for CTH "H" between Genoa City and Lake Geneva, 80% of which would have been eligible for federal and state financial participation if an application for approval of federal financial participation had been timely filed. The county relied upon DOT to file the application, but due to an oversight by a DOT employe, the application was not filed in a timely manner. On October 19, 1999, the claims board recommended payment of this claim (see *Senate Journal*, p. 309).

For further information see the *state* 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:

ASSEMBLY BILL 653**SECTION 1**

1 **SECTION 1. Claim against the state.** There is directed to be expended from the
2 appropriation under section 20.395 (3) (cq) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of
3 1999, \$76,150 in payment of a claim against the state made by Walworth County as
4 reimbursement for 80% of the real estate acquisition costs incurred by the county in
5 the improvement of CTH "H" between Genoa City and Lake Geneva in 1994, which
6 would have been paid with federal and state aid but for the failure of an employe of
7 the department of transportation to obtain prior approval for federal financial
8 participation in the improvement project. Acceptance of this payment releases this
9 state and its officers, employes and agents from any further liability resulting from
10 expenses incurred by the county in constructing this improvement project.

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