



State of Wisconsin
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2023 SENATE BILL 85

March 1, 2023 - Introduced by Senators TESTIN, BALLWEG, ROYS, WANGGAARD, FELZKOWSKI and NASS, cosponsored by Representatives KRUG, ARMSTRONG, DITTRICH, MURSAU and RETTINGER. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Local Government.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 33.26 (2), 33.30 (2) (a), 33.32 (1) (c), 33.32 (1) (e) and 33.32 (1)
2 (f) of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing email for notice of public inland lake
3 protection and rehabilitation district board business.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill authorizes email to be used for providing notice of business conducted by the board of a public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district.

Under current law, districts may be created to protect and rehabilitate a lake within the district. When creation of a district is proposed, the county board must send notice by mail to each landowner within the proposed district. Once created, a district board must have an annual meeting, notice of which must be provided by mail to electors in the district.

Under current law, a district board may levy a special assessment to carry out lake protection and rehabilitation projects or lake management or sanitary service activities. Notice of proposed and final assessments must be provided by mail to each owner, mortgagee, lessee, or other person with an interest in a parcel affected by the assessment.

The bill provides that email is an acceptable method of providing these required notices.

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

SENATE BILL 85**SECTION 1**

1 **SECTION 1.** 33.26 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 33.26 (2) Notice announcing the hearing and stating the boundaries of the
3 proposed district shall be published in a paper of general circulation in the county
4 in which the proposed district is located as a class 1 notice, under ch. 985, and shall
5 be mailed or emailed by the county board to the last-known address or email address
6 of each landowner within the proposed district.

7 **SECTION 2.** 33.30 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 33.30 (2) (a) The annual meeting shall be preceded by written notice mailed or
9 emailed at least 14 days in advance of the meeting to all electors within the district
10 whose address or email address is known or can be ascertained with reasonable
11 diligence, to all owners of property within the district at the owner's email address
12 or address as listed in the tax roll, and to the department. The district board of
13 commissioners may substitute a class 2 notice, under ch. 985, in lieu of sending
14 written notice to electors residing within the district.

15 **SECTION 3.** 33.32 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 33.32 (1) (c) The commissioners shall file in the office of the county clerk a
17 report of the assessments made. Notice shall be given to each owner, mortgagee,
18 lessee or other person having an interest in an affected parcel that the report is open
19 for review at a specified place within the district for 30 days after the date of the
20 notice and that on a day named therein, which shall not be more than 3 days after
21 the expiration of the 30 days, the commissioners will hear objections that may be
22 made to the report. Notice shall be by mail or email to each person whose post-office
23 address or email address is known or can be ascertained with reasonable diligence,
24 accompanied by a statement of the assessment, and shall also be published as a class
25 2 notice, under ch. 985, in a newspaper having general circulation within the district.

