



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Assembly Bill 786

Assembly Amendment 1

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Under *current law*, county forestry committees are required to prepare comprehensive county forest land use plans, covering a 10-year period. The plans must be approved by the county board and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Assembly Bill 786 extends the planning period that the plans must cover from 10 years to 15 years. In addition, it repeals obsolete language requiring initial plans to be completed by October 2, 1965. In what appears to be a drafting error, the bill also repeals adjacent language authorizing the revision of plans as changing conditions require, and requiring the revision of plans upon their expiration.

Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 786 restores the repealed language relating to the modification of plans. In addition, it creates a requirement that plan revisions be approved by the county board and the DNR. This requirement conforms with current practice.

On February 13, 2002, the Assembly Committee on Rural Affairs and Forestry recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and passage of the bill, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0.

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