



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 492

September 8, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives FRISKE, GARD, GRONEMUS, AINSWORTH, SERATTI, M. WILLIAMS, J. WOOD, PETROWSKI, GUNDERSON, HINES, BIES, OTT, LEMAHIEU, ALBERS, HAHN, OWENS, TOWNSEND and KRAWCZYK, cosponsored by Senators ZIEN, KEDZIE and BRESKE. Referred to Committee on Forestry.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 28.02 (1); and **to create** 28.03 (2) (g) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** designating Willow flowage project lands as state forest lands.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law authorizes the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to acquire and exchange lands for the establishment of the Willow flowage project. The Willow flowage project is defined as the lands in the Willow flowage and surrounding lands in Oneida County that DNR determines are necessary for the project.

This bill requires DNR to designate all lands acquired by DNR for the establishment of the Willow flowage project as state forest lands and designates that land as the Willow Flowage State Forest.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 28.02 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 28.02 (1) **DEFINED.** State forests lands include all lands granted to the state by
5 an act of congress entitled, "An act granting lands to the state of Wisconsin for
6 forestry purposes," approved June 27, 1906; all lands donated to the state by the

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1 Nebagamon Lumber Company for forestry purposes; all lands acquired pursuant to
2 chapter 450, laws of 1903, chapter 264, laws of 1905, chapter 638, laws of 1911, and
3 chapter 639, laws of 1911, or under ss. 1494-41 to 1494-62, 1915 stats., and all lands
4 subsequently acquired for forestry purposes. Unless an island is designated as state
5 forest land by the department, state forest lands do not include lands granted to the
6 state by an act of congress entitled, "An act granting unsurveyed and unattached
7 islands to the state of Wisconsin for forestry purposes," approved August 22, 1912.
8 The department may designate as state forest lands any lands within state forest
9 boundaries which were purchased with other conservation funds and where forestry
10 would not conflict with a more intensive use. The department shall designate as
11 state forest lands all lands acquired by the department for establishment of the
12 Willow flowage project under s. 23.196.

13 **SECTION 2.** 28.03 (2) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

14 28.03 (2) (g) "Willow Flowage State Forest" in Oneida County.

15 (END)