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## 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 698

December 5, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives Miller, Ott, Zepnick, J. Lehman, Black, Berceau and Plouff, cosponsored by Senator Risser. Referred to Committee on Energy and Utilities.

AN ACT to amend 196.378 (3) (a); and to create 196.378 (2) (a) 7. of the statutes;

relating to: renewable resource requirements for electric utilities and cooperatives.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, electric utilities and cooperates must comply with deadlines for providing electricity derived from renewable resources to their customers and members in specified percentages of their total retail electric sales. The percentages and deadlines are as follows: 0.85% by December 31, 2003; 1.2% by December 31, 2005; 1.55% by December 31, 2007; 1.9% by December 31, 2009; and 2.2% by December 31, 2011. The percentages may be satisfied by providing electricity derived from renewable resources directly to customers and members or by purchasing renewable resource credits from other electric utilities and cooperatives.

This bill creates an additional deadline. Under this bill, by December 31, 2013, 10% of an electric utility's or cooperative's retail electric sales must be derived from renewable resources. As under current law, an electric utility or cooperative may satisfy this percentage by providing electricity derived from renewable resources directly to its customers and members or by purchasing renewable resource credits from another electric utility or cooperative.

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For further information see the 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:

1 **Section 1.** 196.378 (2) (a) 7. of the statutes is created to read:  $\mathbf{2}$ 196.378 **(2)** (a) 7. By December 31, 2013, 10%. 3 **Section 2.** 196.378 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read: 4 196.378 (3) (a) An electric provider that provides total renewable energy to its 5 retail electric customers or members in excess of the percentages specified in sub. (2) (a) 1. to 6. 7. may, in the applicable year, sell to any other electric provider a renewable 6 7 resource credit or a portion of a renewable resource credit at any negotiated price. 8 Alternatively, an electric provider may use a renewable resource credit or portion of 9 a renewable resource credit in a subsequent year to establish compliance with sub. 10 (2) (a). The commission shall promulgate rules that establish requirements for the 11 use of a renewable resource credit, including calculating the amount of a renewable 12 resource credit.

13 (END)