



2003 SENATE BILL 252

September 17, 2003 - Introduced by Senators DARLING, S. FITZGERALD, KANAVAS, SCHULTZ, HARSDFORF, LAZICH, WELCH, ZIEN, ROESSLER and STEPP, cosponsored by Representatives KAUFERT, GARD, ALBERS, AINSWORTH, HAHN, HUEBSCH, HUNDERTMARK, M. LEHMAN, LEMAHIEU, MCCORMICK, D. MEYER, MUSSER, NASS, OLSEN, OWENS, RHOADES, SERATTI, SUDER, TOWNS, WARD, HINES, STONE, F. LASEE, LOTHIAN, VRAKAS and M. WILLIAMS. Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 23.0917 (5m) (a); and *to create* 23.0917 (6m) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** Joint Committee on Finance review of stewardship acquisitions.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Before 2003 Wisconsin Act 33, the 2003-05 budget bill, if a land acquisition or development project under the stewardship program would cost more than \$250,000, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) could not obligate money from the stewardship fund for that activity until DNR gave written notice of the proposed activity to the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) and gave JCF time to respond to that notice. If the chairpersons of JCF did not notify DNR within 14 days after the date of the DNR's notification that JCF had scheduled a meeting to review the proposed activity, DNR could obligate the money. If the cochairpersons notified DNR that JCF had scheduled a meeting to review the proposed activity, DNR could obligate the money only if JCF approved the proposed activity.

2003 Wisconsin Act 33, as affected by the vetoes, eliminates the requirement that the DNR proposed land acquisition and development projects under the stewardship program be subject to the JCF 14-day passive review process.

This bill reinstates the JCF review of stewardship land acquisition and development projects as it existed before the passage of 2003 Wisconsin Act 33.

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

