



## 2005 SENATE BILL 428

November 9, 2005 – Introduced by Senators JAUCH and LASSA, cosponsored by Representatives SHERMAN, PARISI, MUSSER, FREESE, GRIGSBY, POCAN, WASSERMAN, TURNER and BOYLE. Referred to Committee on State and Federal Relations.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 27.01 (2) (h), 27.01 (5), 28.03 (3) and 82.03 (7); and *to create*  
2           23.09 (20r), 23.25 (2r), 66.1012 and 84.01 (33) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
3           prohibiting certain state agencies or any city, village, town, or county from  
4           using the word squaw in the name of a public place, highway, or geographic  
5           feature.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill prohibits the Department of Transportation and the Department of Natural Resources (departments) and any political subdivision (city, village, town, or county) from using the word “squaw” in the name of any public place, highway, or geographic feature such as a body of water or natural landmark. If the word “squaw” is currently being used in that manner in any area of the state that is under the jurisdiction of the departments or in any political subdivision, the name of the place must be changed.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

6           **SECTION 1.** 23.09 (20r) of the statutes is created to read:

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1           23.09 (20r) NAMES OF DEPARTMENT PROPERTY. The department may not use the  
2 word “squaw” in the name of any property under the jurisdiction of the department.  
3 If the word “squaw” is used in a name for any such property on the effective date of  
4 this subsection .... [revisor inserts date], the department shall change the name to  
5 eliminate the use of the word “squaw”.

6           **SECTION 2.** 23.25 (2r) of the statutes is created to read:

7           23.25 (2r) The department may not use the word “squaw” in the name of any  
8 lake, stream, place, or other geographic feature. If the word “squaw” is used in a  
9 name for any lake, stream, place, or other geographic feature on the effective date  
10 of this subsection .... [revisor inserts date], the department shall change the name  
11 to eliminate the use of the word “squaw.”

12           **SECTION 3.** 27.01 (2) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           27.01 (2) (h) ~~Designate Subject to s. 23.09 (2or), designate~~ by appropriate name  
14 any state park not expressly named by the legislature.

15           **SECTION 4.** 27.01 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

16           27.01 (5) ROADSIDE PARKS. All areas designated as roadside parks shall be a part  
17 of the state park system. Roadside parks will consist of naturally attractive parcels  
18 of land, 5 acres or more in size, immediately contiguous to a state trunk highway.  
19 ~~Each such area shall carry Subject to s. 23.09 (2or), the department shall give each~~  
20 ~~roadside park~~ a distinctive name and shall be managed and developed manage and  
21 develop it as a part of the state park system.

22           **SECTION 5.** 28.03 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

23           28.03 (3) DEPARTMENT MAY NAME. ~~The Subject to s. 23.09 (2or), the~~ department  
24 may designate by appropriate name any state forest not expressly named by the  
25 legislature.

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1           **SECTION 6.** 66.1012 of the statutes is created to read:

2           **66.1012 Use of “squaw” in place names prohibited.** No city, village, town,  
3 or county may use the word “squaw” in the name of any public place, including a  
4 highway, as defined in s. 340.01 (22), a jurisdictional area, a body of water, or a  
5 recreation area of any kind. If the word “squaw” is in use in a public place name in  
6 a city, village, town, or county on the effective date of this section .... [revisor inserts  
7 date], the city, village, town, or county shall change the name to eliminate the use  
8 of the word “squaw.”

9           **SECTION 7.** 82.03 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

10           **82.03 (7) HIGHWAY NAMES.** The town board shall, by ordinance, subject to s.  
11 66.1012, assign a name to each of the roads that are under the town’s jurisdiction.  
12 No road name may be used on more than one road within the jurisdiction of the town.

13           **SECTION 8.** 84.01 (33) of the statutes is created to read:

14           **84.01 (33) NAMES OF DEPARTMENT PROPERTY.** The department may not use the  
15 word “squaw” in the name of any highway, as defined in s. 340.01 (22), or other  
16 property under the jurisdiction of the department. If the word “squaw” is used in a  
17 name for any such highway or property on the effective date of this subsection ....  
18 [revisor inserts date], the department shall change the name to eliminate the use of  
19 the word “squaw.”

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(END)