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2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 270

May 19, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives LeMahieu, Turner, Kestell, Fields, Ripp, Smith, Petrowski, A Ott, Bies, Ballweg, Brooks, Gunderson, Townsend, Lothian, Stone and Spanbauer, cosponsored by Senators Plale, Leibham, Holperin, Taylor, A. Lasee and Schultz. Referred to Committee on Energy and Utilities.

AN ACT to amend 79.04 (6) (c) 1. of the statutes; relating to: utility aid payments to towns and counties for production plants that generate electricity from wind power.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, for power production plants that begin operation as a new or repowered production plant after December 31, 2003, each county and municipality in which such a plant is located receives a utility aid payment based on the plant's megawatt capacity. The total amount of the payment for each production plant is calculated by multiplying the plant's megawatt capacity by \$2,000. If the production plant is located in a city or village, the city or village receives a payment equal to two-thirds of the total amount of the payment and the county in which the plant is located receives a payment equal to one-third of the total amount of the payment. If the production plant is located in a town, the town receives a payment equal to one-third of the total amount and the county in which the plant is located receives a payment equal to two-thirds of the total amount.

Under this bill, if a production plant that generates electricity from wind power is located in a town, the town receives a payment equal to 50 percent of the total amount of the utility aid payment for that plant, based on its megawatt capacity, and the county in which the plant is located receives a payment equal to 50 percent of the total amount of that utility aid payment.

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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:

Section 1. 79.04 (6) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

79.04 **(6)** (c) 1. If the production plant is located in a city or village, the city or village receives a payment equal to two-thirds of the amount determined under par. (b) and the county in which the city or village is located receives a payment equal to one-third of the amount determined under par. (b). If the production plant is located in a town, the town receives a payment equal to one-third of the amount determined under par. (b), and the county in which the town is located receives a payment equal to two-thirds of the amount determined under par. (b), except that with regard to a production plant that generates electricity from wind power the town where the plant is located receives a payment equal to 50 percent of the amount determined under par. (b) and the county where the plant is located receives a payment equal to 50 percent of the amount determined under par. (b). If a municipality is located in more than one county, the county in which the production plant is located shall receive the county portion of the payment.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to utility aid payments paid in 2009.

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