2009 SENATE BILL 677

April 8, 2010 - Introduced by Senator A. LASEE. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

AN ACT to renumber and amend 24.40 (2); and to create 24.40 (2) (b) of the statutes; relating to: annexations of trails designated by the Department of Natural Resources.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The ice age national scenic trail is established under federal law. That trail, together with the lands adjacent to that trail are designated a state scenic trail known as the Ice Age Trail. Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) also has authority to designate other trails for property under its control and may designate a system of state trails as part of the state park system. This bill prohibits any state agency from petitioning, or joining in a petition, on behalf of this state to annex any state-owned land designated as a trail by DNR to an adjoining municipality.

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.** 24.40 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 24.40 (2) (a) and amended
- 5 to read:

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24.40 (2) (a) Every Except as provided under par. (b), every such board,
commission, department, and agency may petition or join in a petition for and on
behalf of the state as the owner of such property to annex or detach the same or any
part or parts thereof to or from an adjoining municipality.
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Section 2. 24.40 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

24.40 (2) (b) No board, commission, department, or agency of this state may petition or join in a petition for or on behalf of the state to annex state-owned land designated as a trail, or part of a trail, by the department of natural resources under s. 23.115, 23.17, or 23.175, to an adjoining municipality.

10 (END)