



## 2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 146

May 20, 2011 - Introduced by Representatives SEVERSON, HONADEL, PETRYK, KLENKE, T. LARSON, BERNIER, BROOKS, JACQUE, KAPENGA, KNUDSON, KOOYENGA, KRUG, LEMAHIEU, LITJENS, RIVARD and SPANBAUER, cosponsored by Senators COWLES, MOULTON and WANGGAARD. Referred to Committee on Energy and Utilities.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 196.378 (3) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** use of renewable  
2           resource credits to comply with renewable portfolio standards.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, an electric utility or retail electric cooperative (electric provider) is subject to certain requirements for ensuring that, in a given year, a specified percentage of the electricity that the electric provider sells to retail customers or members is derived from renewable resources. Such requirements, which are commonly referred to as renewable portfolio standards (RPSs), are administered by the Public Service Commission (PSC). Current law allows for the creation of renewable resource credits that electric providers can use, sell, or purchase to help comply with an RPS. Current law imposes certain restrictions on the use of renewable resource credits, including a restriction that a credit may not be used after the fourth year after which the credit is created, unless the PSC promulgates rules specifying a different time period that is necessary for consistency with a regional renewable resource credit trading program that applies in this state. This bill eliminates that restriction.

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

3           **SECTION 1.** 196.378 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

