



1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 670

January 25, 2000 - Introduced by Representatives HOVEN, MEYER, HUEBSCH, PETTIS, UNDERHEIM, SUDER, SKINDRUD, HASENOHRL, OLSEN, SPILLNER, HANDRICK, STONE, MONTGOMERY, WIECKERT, BRANDEMUEHL, PORTER, SCHOOFF, MUSSER, GRONEMUS, RYBA, AINSWORTH, PLOUFF and F. LASEE, cosponsored by Senators MOEN, FITZGERALD, RUDE, FARROW, WIRCH, COWLES, GROBSCHMIDT, BRESKE and SHIBILSKI. Referred to Committee on Utilities.

- 1 **AN ACT to create** 66.082 (3m) of the statutes; **relating to:** operation and costs
2 of municipal cable television systems.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law a municipality may own and operate a cable television system and may award and regulate a cable television system franchise. This bill requires a municipality that owns and operates its own cable television system to prepare and maintain records that include the cost of franchise fees, pole rentals and all other expenses that the municipality would incur were it a nonmunicipal cable operator granted a franchise by the municipality and the amount, source and cost of working capital used for the municipal cable television system. The bill also prohibits the municipality from allocating municipal costs and indebtedness in a way that subsidizes directly or indirectly the provision of municipal cable television service.

For further information see the *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:

- 3 **SECTION 1.** 66.082 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

