

FISCAL ESTIMATE

ORIGINAL UPDATED

DOA-2048 N(R10/98)

CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.

LRB 1177/1

AB 127

Amendment No. if Applicable

Subject

Authorize Certain Towns to Become Urban Towns

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect
Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation

- Increase Existing Appropriation Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Appropriation Decrease Existing Revenues
- Create New Appropriation

Increase Costs - May be Possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No

Decrease Costs

Local: No Local Government Costs

- 1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory
- 2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

- 3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory
- 4. Decrease Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
- Towns Villages Cities
 - Counties Others _____
 - School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under this bill, a town which meets certain criteria could, subject to referendum approval, declare itself an "urban town". An "urban town" could remove itself from coverage under county zoning ordinances (except for shorelands zoning regulations) and extraterritorial zoning and plat approval regulations of cities and villages. In addition, the territory of an "urban town" could not be annexed unless approved by the town board.

Before proceeding under this bill, the town board must pass a resolution stating its intention to declare itself an "urban town". A town board may make such a declaration only if (a) the town attempts and fails to consolidate with a city or village after this bill is enacted and if, between 1988 and 1998, it attempted to incorporate as a village or city, or (b) within 3 years of declaring its intent to proceed under this bill, the town institutes proceedings to consolidate with a city or village.

If the conditions above are met, the town must also meet all of the following criteria in order to become an "urban town":

- (1) The population must be at least 7,500.
- (2) The equalized value of the town must be more than \$360 million.

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Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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- (3) The per capita equalized value must be more than \$40,000.
- (4) The town provides 24-hour police protection with its own police department or a joint police department with another town, village, or city.
- (5) The town provides 24-hour fire protection with its own fire department or a joint department fire department with another town, village, or city.
- (6) The town provides 24-hour emergency medical technician services.
- (7) The town has adopted a comprehensive land use plan as part of a master plan which is administered by a town-employed planner.
- (8) At least 30% of the town's population is provided with water and sewer service by a town sanitary district (of the town or another town), town utility district, metropolitan sewerage district, private utility company, a city or village, or a city- or village-owned facility in which the town has an ownership interest.
- (9) The town board has five members.

The resolution to become an "urban town" must be submitted for voter approval.

Thirteen towns in Wisconsin meet the population, total equalized value, and equalized value per capita criteria to become "urban towns". Based on a telephone survey of late January 1999, it appears that only two of these – the Town of Mount Pleasant (Racine County) and the Town of Pewaukee (Waukesha County) – may meet all of the criteria to become an "urban town".

Towns desiring to become urban towns would incur certain costs. Among these are the legal costs involved in seeking consolidation with a village or city and the cost of conducting the necessary referendums. Costs to become an urban town are likely to be in the thousands of dollars.

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I. One-Time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

| II. Annualized Costs: | Annualized Fiscal impact on State Funds from: | |
|--|---|-----------------------|
| | Increased Costs | Decreased Costs |
| A. State Costs by Category | | |
| State Operations - Salaries and Fringe (FTE Position Changes) | \$ - (FTE) | \$ - (- FTE) |
| State Operations-Other Costs | | - |
| Local Assistance | | - |
| Aids to Individuals or Organizations | | - |
| TOTAL State Costs by Category | \$ - | \$ - |
| B. State Costs by Source of Funds | | |
| GPR | \$ - | \$ - |
| FED | | - |
| PRO/PRS | | - |
| SEG/SEG-S | | - |
| III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.) | Increased Rev. | Decreased Rev. |
| GPR Taxes | \$ - | \$ - |
| GPR Earned | | - |
| FED | | - |
| PRO/PRS | | - |
| SEG/SEG-S | | - |
| TOTAL State Revenues | \$ - | \$ - |

NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT

| | STATE | LOCAL |
|------------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| NET CHANGE IN COSTS | \$ _____ | \$ See text of fiscal note |
| NET CHANGE IN REVENUES | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |

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