

FISCAL ESTIMATE

DOA-2048 N(R10/94)

- ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.

AB 202

(99-0044/1)

Amendment No. if Applicable

Subject

Charter 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

The bill would authorize a town to declare itself a "charter town", provided that the declaration is approved in a town-wide referendum. A town would have to satisfy the following criteria in order to attain "charter town" status:

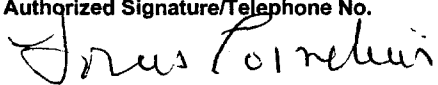
- The population of the town must be at least 2,500.
- The town board must be authorized to exercise village powers.
- The town board must create a plan commission and adopt a comprehensive land use plan.
- The town enacts and enforces building code ordinances.
- The town board enacts a construction site erosion control and storm water management zoning ordinance.

According to the 1997-98 Wisconsin Blue Book, 118 towns have populations that exceed 2,500 and would thus satisfy the first criteria for attaining "charter town" status.

A town that attains "charter town" status would be able to create tax incremental financing districts, exercise certain zoning powers, and it would be exempt from being subject to certain city and village extraterritorial powers.

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Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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In addition, certain "charter towns" would be exempt from annexation by cities or villages if they meet the following criteria:

- At least 10% of the town residents receive water, sewage disposal services, or both, from a town sanitary district, town utility district, metropolitan sewerage district, or another municipality.
- The equalized value of the town exceeds \$100 million.
- The town provides round-the-clock law enforcement services.

A town that attains "charter town" status would likely incur higher costs; however, the information needed to estimate the local fiscal effect of the bill, such as the cost of conducting a referendum and the administrative cost of creating a tax incremental finance district is not available. Furthermore, it is difficult to make an assumption as to how many towns will actually pursue and attain "charter town" status. Given these factors, the local fiscal effect of the bill is indeterminable.