



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 79

Assembly Amendments 1 and 2

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Assembly Bill 79 authorizes a city or village to abolish its police department if it enters into a contract with the county for the sheriff to provide law enforcement services for the entire city or village.

Assembly Amendment 1

When a city or village is located in more than one county and wants to contract to have a county provide law enforcement services, Assembly Bill 79 requires the city or village to enter into a contract with the county in which the greatest amount of the city's equalized value, population, or territory is located. Assembly Amendment 1 expressly provides that under such a contract, the jurisdiction of the contracting county sheriff and deputies includes the entire territory of the city or village, whether or not located in the county.

Assembly Amendment 2

Assembly Amendment 2 requires that, before any contract between a city or village and a county for county provision of law enforcement services may take effect, the city and county must discuss the provision of emergency "911" telephone service within the area to which the contract applies. This is in response to concerns that when a city or village is located in more than one county, the processing of 911 calls and the resulting response times may not be uniform since the law enforcement services to the city or village will be provided by only one county.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendments 1 and 2 were offered by Representative Musser. The Assembly adopted both amendments by voice vote on April 7, 2005.

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