



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Senate Bill 272

**Assembly Amendments 1, 3,
and 4**

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Senate Bill 272 makes various changes to ch. 43, Stats., library laws.

Assembly Amendment 1 authorizes a county library planning committee's plan of library services under s. 43.11, Stats., to require that a municipality in the county that operates a public library compensate another municipality in the county that operates a public library whenever the latter public library provides library services to residents of the municipality that operates the former public library. Under the amendment, the plan's compensation for each loan may not exceed the actual cost of the loan, as defined by the Department of Public Instruction by rule. Under the amendment, a consequence of failure to comply with such a requirement in a plan of library services is loss of eligibility by the municipality for exemption from the county library tax.

Assembly Amendment 3 deletes from the bill the authorization for a public library system board to adopt a plan requiring a participating library to compensate another participating library whenever the latter provides library services to residents of the municipality or county that maintains the former library; under the bill, if such a plan is adopted, participation in that plan is a condition of a municipal public library's public library system eligibility.

Assembly Amendment 4 eliminates the provision created in the bill that future joint library agreements require each municipality and county participating in the joint library to levy a tax for public library service at the same rate.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Pridemore; Assembly Amendment 3 was offered by Representative LeMahieu; and Assembly Amendment 4 was offered by Representative Gottlieb. The Committee on Urban and Local Affairs recommended adoption of each amendment by a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0. The committee recommended concurrence in the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0.

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