



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Senate Bill 426

**Senate
Amendment 1**

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Current law generally provides that a record requester may inspect a record and make or receive a copy of a record that appears in written form. Also, an authority must make available for inspection and copying any record produced or collected under a contract entered into by the authority with another person to the same extent as if the record were maintained by the authority.

Senate Bill 426 provides that not only does a record requester have the right to inspect a record and to make or receive a copy of a record in the same format in which the record is maintained, but also the record requester may request a different format that is authorized by law. The bill also specifically provides that a contractor that has produced a record for an authority may impose a fee on a record requester for obtaining a copy of the record and the fee may not exceed the actual, necessary and direct cost of reproduction or transcription of the record, unless a fee is otherwise established or authorized to be established by law.

Senate Amendment 1 provides that the authority of a record requester to receive a copy of a record that is in a different format than the one maintained by the record custodian is limited to a request to a political subdivision for a land information record. The term “political subdivision” is defined to mean a city, village, town, or county.

Legislative History

On April 6, 2010, the Senate Committee on Ethics Reform and Government Operations introduced and adopted Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 426 and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 4; Noes, 0.

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