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<b>2015 Senate Bill 313</b>	<b>Senate Amendment 1</b>
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### **2015 SENATE BILL 313**

2015 Senate Bill 313 modifies notice requirements applicable to county clerks under certain circumstances. Under current law, a county clerk must provide affected town clerks with notice of certain actions taken by a county. For example, county clerks must notify affected town clerks when a petition to amend a zoning ordinance has been made to a county board, or when the county has enacted or amended a zoning ordinance, in certain cases. Current law requires the notices to be sent to the town clerks by **registered** mail.

Under the bill, notices to town clerks in these cases is required to be sent by **certified** mail, instead of by registered mail. Alternatively, under the bill, a county clerk may send the notice by e-mail if a request is included for confirmation of receipt by return e-mail. The bill provides that if no confirmation is received by e-mail within **five business days**, the county clerk must submit the materials to the town clerk by certified mail.

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 1**

2015 Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 313 adjusts the timeline under the bill for confirmation of receipt by e-mail. The amendment provides that when a notice is sent by e-mail, as authorized under the bill, if no confirmation is received by e-mail within **two business days**, the materials must be submitted to the town clerk by certified mail.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Olsen on October 29, 2015. On January 14, 2016, the Senate Committee on Elections and Local Government recommended adoption of the amendment, and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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