



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Assembly Bill 539

Assembly Amendment 1

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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 539

Assembly Bill 539 makes changes related to the supervised release and representation of sexually violent persons (SVP), who are sex offenders civilly committed under ch. 980, Stats., following their criminal sentences. Among other changes, Assembly Bill 539 eliminates the ability of a court to place an SVP outside of his or her home county for “good cause,” meaning that any residence for an SVP on supervised release must be within the SVP’s county of residence. The bill also requires the SVP’s county of residence to form a temporary committee to identify an appropriate residential option for the SVP.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 requires that an SVP from Milwaukee County must be placed within his or her municipality of residence, and not just his or her county of residence. Specifically, the amendment provides that in counties with a population of 750,000 or more, the temporary committee must select a residence in the SVP’s city, village, or town of residence.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representatives Kleefisch and Schraa on January 4, 2018. On January 9, 2018, the Assembly Committee on Corrections recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of Assembly Bill 539, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0. On January 16, 2018, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 and passed Assembly Bill 539, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 89; Noes, 5.

The Senate adopted Senate Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 539 on February 20, 2018, and concurred in the bill. The following day, the Assembly nonconcurred in Senate Amendment 1. On March 20, 2018, the Senate receded from its position on Senate Amendment 1.

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