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2019 Wisconsin Act 45
[2019 Assembly Bill 235]

**Levy Limit Exception Following
Reduction of Certain Utility Aid**

BACKGROUND

Under current law, the state makes utility aid payments to a political subdivision in order to compensate for costs incurred to provide services to public utilities. After a power plant is closed or decommissioned, utility aid payments associated with that plant are reduced 20 percent annually over a five-year period. Except as approved by local referendum, a political subdivision may not exceed levy limits as calculated and imposed under s. 66.0602, Stats. (“the levy limit law”).

2019 WISCONSIN ACT 45

2019 Wisconsin Act 45 creates a new exception under the levy limit law, allowing a political subdivision to raise its levy to replace revenue lost due to a reduction in utility aid payments as a result of closure or decommissioning of a power plant.

Effective date: November 23, 2019. The act first applies to a levy that is imposed in December 2020.

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