



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 120
[2005 Senate Bill 322]

**School District Reorganization
Orders**

For a school district reorganization that involves the detachment from one school district and attachment to another school district of “small territory” (that is territory that constitutes less than 7% of the equalized value of the former school district), 2005 Wisconsin Act 120 requires the School District Boundary Appeal Board (SDBAB) to send a certified copy of its order granting, affirming, or denying the reorganization, by certified mail, to the clerk of each city, village, or town in which any part of the “small territory” is located.

Prior law required the SDBAB to send this certified copy, by certified mail, to the clerk of every city, village, or town that had any land in an affected school district. Thus, the Act removes the requirement that the SDBAB send a certified copy, by certified mail, to the clerk of a city, village, or town that has land in an affected school district but does not contain any part of the “small territory.”

The Act does not change the requirement in current law that such a SDBAB order be sent, by certified mail, to the clerk of each county in which any part of an affected school district is located.

Initial Applicability and Effective Date: The Act applies to reorganization orders issued by the SDBAB on or after the Act’s effective date of March 16, 2006.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.