



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2005 Wisconsin Act 312**  
[2005 Assembly Bill 295]

**Location of Town Board Meetings**

2005 Wisconsin Act 312 amends the law relating to the location of town board meetings.

Under prior law, when a town was divided into wards, the annual town meeting was required to be held in the first ward. Prior law authorized a town board to meet in the town, or in any city, village or town within or adjoining the town. Further, an annual town meeting or special town meeting could be held in the town or in any city or village within or adjoining the town. Prior law allowed the first town meeting in new towns to be held within the town, or if convenient, within a city or village in the county in which the town was located, and required that it be held in the location designated in the documents establishing the town.

Act 312 provides that when a town is divided into wards, the annual town meeting must be held in the town or in any other town, village, or city in the same county or in an adjoining county. The Act further provides that town board meetings, annual town meetings, and special town meetings must be held in the town or in any other town, village, or city in the same county or an adjoining county. The Act allows the first town meeting in new towns to be held within the town, or if convenient within any other town, city, or village in the county where the town is located, and requires that it be held in the location designated in the documents establishing the town.

***Effective Date:*** Act 312 takes effect on April 21, 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/>.