



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 98
[2005 Senate Bill 146]

**Political Subdivision Revenue
Sharing Agreements**

2005 Wisconsin Act 98 adds counties to the other government entities (cities, villages and towns) that are authorized to enter into a revenue sharing agreement with each other and federally recognized American Indian tribes or bands to share revenues derived from taxes and special charges.

Background

Prior law authorized a “municipality” (defined as a city, village or town, but not a county) to enter into an agreement with other municipalities and federally recognized American Indian tribes or bands to share all or a specified part of revenues derived from taxes and special charges. Such a revenue sharing agreement must meet specified statutory requirements that remain unchanged by Act 98. For example, the revenue sharing agreement must be for at least 10 years, must specify the boundaries of the area within which the revenues are to be shared, and must specify the means of determining the amount of revenues to be shared under the agreement. A public hearing must be held at least 30 days before entering into the revenue sharing agreement. Statutory provisions also govern any advisory referendum on the revenue sharing agreement and include a requirement for holding such an advisory referendum if a sufficient number of qualified electors petition for one within 30 days after the public hearing.

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Act 98 adds counties to the other government entities that are authorized to enter into a revenue sharing agreement with each other and federally recognized American Indian tribes or bands. It does so by changing the term for such a government entity from “municipality” to “political subdivision” and defining “political subdivision” to include counties. Correspondingly, Act 98 changes the term “municipal revenue sharing agreement” to “political subdivision revenue sharing agreement.”

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on January 20, 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/>.