



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 658

Assembly Amendments 1 and 2

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Assembly Amendment 1

- Items 1. and 2. of Assembly Amendment 1, by revising terminology and adding an internal cross-reference, more accurately reflect the role of the sheriff concerning deputies under current s. 59.26 (2), Stats. Under that provision, the sheriff “appoints” deputies (the deputies technically are “hired” by the county).
- Item 3. of the amendment clarifies that villages with a population of under 5,000 will also expressly have the option of abolishing their police department and contracting with a county as authorized for other villages under the bill. Currently, s. 61.65, Stats., only applies to villages with a population of 5,000 or more. The amendment also has the effect of extending to villages with a population under 5,000 all the options to provide for police protection services currently available under s. 61.65 (1), Stats., to villages with a population of 5,000 or more.
- Items 4. and 5. of the amendment revise the provisions of the bill concerning cities and villages that are located in more than one county. Under the bill, such cities and villages may abolish their police departments if they enter into a contract with each county in which the city or village is located. Under the amendment, such cities and villages may abolish their police department if they enter into a contract with the county in which the greatest amount of the city’s or village’s equalized value, population, or territory is located. That county would then furnish law enforcement services for the entire city or village.

Assembly Amendment 2

Assembly Amendment 2 requires the initial city or village resolution requesting the county to provide law enforcement services to include an estimate of the savings the city or village will realize as a result of the contract with the county.

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Musser. Assembly Amendment 2 was offered by Representatives Albers and Seratti. Both amendments were adopted by the Assembly by a voice vote.

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