



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 60

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Current law generally requires a county board to redistrict its supervisory districts once every 10 years, following the decennial federal census, by adopting a decennial redistricting plan.

2005 Assembly Bill 60 sets forth criteria and procedures under which either a county board or the electors of the county by petition and referendum may decrease the size of the county board of supervisors during the decade following adoption of the decennial redistricting plan. (The proposal does not apply to Milwaukee and Menominee Counties.)

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 limits the ability to decrease the size of the county board between each federal decennial census to one decrease in size, regardless of which procedure, i.e., county board action or petition and referendum, is used to decrease the number. In the original bill, the number of supervisors may be decreased only once every decade by petition and referendum but there is no similar limit on reducing the size by county board action (although under the bill if the county board size is decreased by petition and referendum, no subsequent decrease by action of a county board may take effect for approximately two years after the prior decrease has taken effect).

Legislative History

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Underheim. The Assembly Committee on Urban and Local Affairs recommended adoption of the substitute amendment by a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0. The committee recommended passage of Assembly Bill 60, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 3.

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