



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AMENDMENT MEMO**

2015 Assembly Bill 210	Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 and Assembly Amendment 2 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 2
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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 210

Assembly Bill 210 allows a county to impose by ordinance a sales and use tax of 0.5% for the purposes of maintaining and repairing streets and highways.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2

Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 specifies the following:

- The 0.5% sales and use tax ordinance must be approved by the electors of a county by a referendum vote at the spring election or the general election in order to be enacted. An enacted ordinance is valid for four years.
- The ordinance may be renewed by another referendum vote. If a referendum held to renew the ordinance fails then there is a one year period before a referendum may be tried again.
- Counties must retain a portion of the tax money and distribute the remainder to cities, towns, and villages in the county using a formula based on road miles and population.
- Each local government must expend for the purposes of maintaining, repairing, and constructing roads, streets, and highways no less than an amount equal to the average of the amount it spent for such purposes in the previous five years from revenue other than the new tax, plus the average of the amount of tax revenue received under the bill.

- Local governments may not use money collected through the tax to receive or secure federal funds.
- Money collected through the tax may not be counted for the purposes of determining General Transportation Aids.
- Local governments that receive money collected through the tax must create a segregated fund for those dollars. Any highway improvement project that has an estimated cost greater than \$100,000, that is financed in part or in whole from this segregated fund, must be let by contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2 TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2

Assembly Amendment 2 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 exempts state and federal contributions for highway construction, all other public agency fund contributions, and all private contributions other than local assessments or special assessments paid by governmental agencies from a local government's calculation of how much it must expend for the purposes of maintaining, repairing, and constructing roads, streets, and highways.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 was introduced by Representative Knudson on June 10, 2015. Assembly Amendment 2 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 was introduced by Representative Knudson on December 1, 2015. On December 8, 2015, the Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended adoption of Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 and Assembly Amendment 2 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 on votes of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0. On the same day, the Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended adoption of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0.

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