



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2015 Assembly Bill 362

Senate Amendment 1

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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 362

Under current law, a county board may, in conjunction with a county board of one or more other counties, establish a multiple county health department. Any participating county board may withdraw from participating in the multiple county health department by giving written notice to its county board of health and the county boards of all other participating counties.

Also under current law, the multiple county health department must prepare annually a budget of its proposed expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year. It must also determine the proportionate cost to each county on the basis of equalized valuation.

Assembly Bill 362 (the bill) makes the following changes to current law:

- Authorizes a multiple county health department to establish a minimum participation period of up to five years. If a multiple county health department is established with an initial minimum period, a participating county may not withdraw during that initial minimum period unless withdrawal is necessary to meet statutory requirements for a Level I health department.
- Amends how a multiple county health department determines the proportionate cost to each county. Under the bill, a multiple county health department must either determine the proportionate cost to each participating county based upon either equalized valuation (as authorized under current law) or determine the proportionate levy contribution from each county on a per capita basis.

Senate Amendment 1

Senate Amendment 1 to the bill adds a requirement that a multiple county health department must maintain at least the same number of service locations within the same geographic proximity of service locations that existed before the establishment of the multiple county health department.

BILL HISTORY

On October 27, 2015, the Assembly passed the bill on a voice vote. On November 3, 2015, Senator Erpenbach introduced Senate Amendment 1 to the bill. On November 6, 2015, the Senate adopted Senate Amendment 1 and passed the bill, as amended, on a voice vote.

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