



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Senate Bill 195

Senate Amendment 1

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2017 SENATE BILL 195

Under current law, a school district may exceed its revenue limit if it is approved by the voters by a referendum. The school district may adopt a resolution and submit the resolution to the electors of the school district in a referendum election. The resolution must specify whether the proposed excess revenue is for a recurring (permanent) or nonrecurring (temporary) purpose. If the proposed excess revenue is recurring, then the school district must generally add the excess revenue to its base revenue for determining the revenue limit for the next school year.

2017 Senate Bill 195 (“the bill”) makes the following changes to current law:

- Limits the number of years for which a school board may seek approval under a resolution to exceed its revenue limit to **five** consecutive school years.
- Eliminates the distinction between whether the excess revenue is recurring or nonrecurring.
- Eliminates the authority of a school board to include excess revenue approved by referendum for a recurring purpose in its base revenue for determining the revenue limit for the next school year.
- Provides that if excess revenue for recurring purposes was approved by referendum **prior to the effective date of the bill**, then beginning on the effective date of the bill, the excess revenue may be included in the school district’s base revenue for not more than five consecutive school years beginning after the effective date of the bill.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 makes two changes to the bill. First, it increases the number of years for which a school board may seek approval under a resolution to exceed its revenue limit from **five** consecutive school years to **seven** consecutive school years. Second, Senate Amendment 1 deletes the provision that limits the number of years for which excess revenue for recurring purposes that are approved by referendum **prior to the effective date of the bill** may be included in a school district's base revenue.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Amendment 1 was introduced on December 29, 2017 by Senator Stroebel. On January 9, 2018, the Senate Committee on Government Operations, Technology, and Consumer Protection voted to recommend adoption of Senate Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2, and to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

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