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1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 694

November 21, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives Dueholm, Turner, Ryba, Wilder, Hubler, Plombon and Baldus, cosponsored by Senator Clausing. Referred to Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law.

- 1 AN ACT to repeal 20.510 (1) (b); and to create 20.510 (1) (b) of the statutes;
- 2 **relating to:** payment of costs incurred by local governments resulting from
- 3 1995–96 election–related date changes and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under 1995 Wisconsin Act 16, the dates for 81 events in relation to the 1996 spring primary and election and the 1996 presidential preference primary are changed.

This bill provides that if any county or municipality incurs costs specifically resulting from changes to any date made by Act 16, including any litigation costs or costs of judgments resulting from these changes, the county or municipality may file a claim with the state elections board for reimbursement of these costs. The bill directs the board to audit all claims received and, if the board finds that the costs have been incurred by the county or municipality, and the costs would not have been incurred but for the enactment of Act 16 and necessarily resulted from the changes made by that act, the board is directed to reimburse the county or municipality for its costs. The bill appropriates a sum sufficient from general purpose revenue to be used by the board to provide reimbursement. To be eligible for reimbursement, a county or municipality must file a claim by December 31, 1996.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

20.510 (1) (b)	Election-related date change cost reimb	oursement. A sum
sufficient to reimbur	se counties and municipalities for costs incu	urred resulting from
1995-96 election-rel	ated date changes made under 1995 Wisco	onsin Act 16.

SECTION 2. 20.510 (1) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

Section 3. Nonstatutory provisions; 1995-96 election-related date change costs.

- changes to any date related to the 1996 spring primary and election and the 1996 presidential preference primary, as provided in 1995 Wisconsin Act 16, including any litigation costs or costs of any judgments payable by the county or municipality resulting from these changes, the county or municipality may file a claim for reimbursement of these costs with the elections board. The claim shall be accompanied by appropriate substantiation of any costs incurred. The board shall thereupon audit the claim and, if the board finds that the costs have been incurred by the county or municipality, and the costs would not have been incurred but for the enactment of 1995 Wisconsin Act 16 and necessarily resulted from the changes made by that act, the board shall reimburse the county or municipality for those costs from the appropriation under section 20.510 (1) (b) of the statutes, as created by this act. No claim is payable under this subsection unless the claim is filed with the elections board, together with appropriate substantiation, by December 31, 1996.
- **SECTION 4. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication, except as follows:
- (1) The repeal of section 20.510 (1) (b) of the statutes takes effect on July 1, 1997.