



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 666

November 13, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives VRUWINK, PETROWSKI, HAHN, OTT, GRONEMUS, BERCEAU and JESKEWITZ, cosponsored by Senators HARSDORF, SCHULTZ and BROWN. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 59.25 (3) (j) of the statutes; **relating to:** collection of fines and
2 forfeitures by counties.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, if a circuit court imposes a fine or forfeiture on a person for violating a state law or local ordinance, the clerk of circuit court collects the amount owed and pays that amount to the county treasurer. The county treasurer, in turn, pays 90% of the fine and forfeiture money to the state, but is permitted to retain 10% of the money as administrative fees. This bill allows the county to retain 25% of fines and forfeitures.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 59.25 (3) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 59.25 (3) (j) Retain ~~10%~~ 25% for fees in receiving and paying into the state
5 treasury all money received by the treasurer for the state for fines and penalties,
6 ~~except that forfeitures, but retain~~ 50% of the state forfeitures, and fines and penalties

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1 under chs. 341 to 347, 349 and 351 ~~shall be retained~~ as fees and retain the other fees
2 for receiving and paying money into the state treasury that are prescribed by law.

3 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

4 (1) This act first applies to fines and forfeitures imposed on the effective date
5 of this subsection.

6 **SECTION 3. Effective date.**

7 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 4th month beginning after
8 publication.

9 (END)