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2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 939

February 20, 2020 - Introduced by Representative ZIMMERMAN. Referred to
Committee on Local Government.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 59.60 (3s) (a), 59.60 (3s) (e), 65.025 (1), 65.025 (5), 65.04 (1),
2 65.90 (1m) (b) and 65.90 (5) (c) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** the adoption of
3 a biennial budget by a city, village, town, or county.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, as provided in 2019 Wisconsin Act 42, any city, village, town, or county, including the city of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County, may adopt a biennial budget process. If the city, village, town, or county adopts a biennial budget, it must adopt the budget in an odd-numbered year. Under this bill, a city, village, town, or county may adopt a biennial budget in any year.

For further information see the **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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 59.60 (3s) (a) of the statutes, as created by 2019 Wisconsin Act 42,
5 is amended to read:

6 59.60 (3s) (a) A county with a population of 750,000 or more may adopt a
7 biennial budget by implementing the procedures under this subsection and using the

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1 procedures under this section. If a county chooses to adopt a biennial budget, it shall
2 adopt such a budget ~~in an odd-numbered year~~ for the next 2 fiscal years that follow
3 immediately the year in which the budget is adopted.

4 **SECTION 2.** 59.60 (3s) (e) of the statutes, as created by 2019 Wisconsin Act 42,
5 is amended to read:

6 59.60 **(3s)** (e) In October or November of ~~an even-numbered~~ the first fiscal year
7 of a biennial budget, the board may change any appropriation or revenue amount in
8 relation to the 2nd year of the biennial budget by a simple majority vote of the
9 members-elect.

10 **SECTION 3.** 65.025 (1) of the statutes, as created by 2019 Wisconsin Act 42, is
11 amended to read:

12 65.025 **(1)** A city may adopt a biennial budget by implementing the procedures
13 under this section and using the procedures under ss. 65.02 to 65.20. If a city chooses
14 to adopt a biennial budget, it shall adopt such a budget ~~in an odd-numbered year~~ for
15 the next 2 fiscal years that follow immediately the year in which the budget is
16 adopted.

17 **SECTION 4.** 65.025 (5) of the statutes, as created by 2019 Wisconsin Act 42, is
18 amended to read:

19 65.025 **(5)** In October or November of ~~an even-numbered~~ the first fiscal year
20 of a biennial budget, the common council may change any appropriation or revenue
21 amount in relation to the 2nd year of the biennial budget by a simple majority vote
22 of the members-elect, as defined in s. 59.001 (2m).

23 **SECTION 5.** 65.04 (1) of the statutes, as affected by 2019 Wisconsin Act 42, is
24 amended to read:

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1 65.04 (1) MEETING; REPORT OF ESTIMATES. The board of estimates shall meet not
2 later than September 10 of each year. The secretary shall place before the board the
3 reports of estimates filed with the secretary by the departments together with the
4 comptroller's statement of anticipated revenues for the ensuing budget period, or the
5 2nd year of a biennium ~~in an even-numbered year~~, and the adequate comparisons
6 with other years as provided in s. 65.02 (5) to (11). The budget summary shall be
7 published forthwith in at least one and not more than 2 daily newspapers having the
8 largest circulation in the city as a class 1 notice, under ch. 985, and in the proceedings
9 of the common council; and a copy of the entire proposed budget shall be available
10 for public inspection in the office of the city comptroller.

11 **SECTION 6.** 65.90 (1m) (b) of the statutes, as created by 2019 Wisconsin Act 42,
12 is amended to read:

13 65.90 (1m) (b) A municipality may adopt a biennial budget by implementing
14 the procedures under this subsection and using the procedures under this section.
15 If a municipality chooses to adopt a biennial budget, it shall adopt such a budget ~~in~~
16 ~~an odd-numbered year~~ for the next 2 fiscal years that follow immediately the year
17 in which the budget is adopted.

18 **SECTION 7.** 65.90 (5) (c) 2. of the statutes, as created by 2019 Wisconsin Act 42,
19 is amended to read:

20 65.90 (5) (c) 2. In October or November of ~~an even-numbered~~ the first fiscal
21 year of a biennial budget, the governing body of a municipality may change any
22 appropriation or revenue amount in relation to the 2nd year of the biennial budget
23 by a simple majority vote of the members-elect of the governing body.

24 **SECTION 8. Initial applicability.**

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SECTION 8

1 (1) This act first applies to a biennial budget that is adopted in 2020.

2 (END)