



2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 295

April 4, 2005 - Introduced by Representatives LEMAHIEU, KESTELL, MURSAU, MUSSER, LOTHIAN, UNDERHEIM, NISCHKE, PETROWSKI, PETTIS, JESKEWITZ, PRIDEMORE, AINSWORTH, HUNDERTMARK, BALLWEG, HAHN, LOEFFELHOLZ, LEHMAN, OTT, BIES, M. WILLIAMS, STRACHOTA, F. LASEE, VRAKAS and OWENS, cosponsored by Senators GROTHMAN, KEDZIE, BROWN, OLSEN, A. LASEE, ROESSLER, BRESKE and ERPENBACH. Referred to Committee on Rural Affairs and Renewable Energy.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 5.15 (5), 60.11 (3) (a), 60.12 (4) (a), 60.16 (2) and 60.20 (3) of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** the location of a town board meeting.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a town board may meet in the town, or in any city, village, or town within or adjoining the town, subject to the open meetings law. Similarly, an annual or special town meeting may be held in the town or in any city or village within or adjoining the town. Under this bill, a town board may meet and an annual or special town meeting may be held in the town or in any other city, village, or town, subject to the open meetings law.

Under current law, when a town is divided into wards, the annual town meeting and special town elections must be held at the first ward. Under this bill, the annual town meeting and special town election must be held at the town hall.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 5.15 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 5.15 (5) When a town is divided into wards, the annual town meeting and
5 special town elections shall be held at the ~~first ward~~ town hall.

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1 **SECTION 2.** 60.11 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 60.11 (3) (a) The annual town meeting may be held in the town or in any other
3 town, village, or city within or adjoining the town.

4 **SECTION 3.** 60.12 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 60.12 (4) (a) A special town meeting may be held in the town or in any other
6 town, village, or city within or adjoining the town.

7 **SECTION 4.** 60.16 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 60.16 (2) WHERE HELD. The first town meeting shall be held at the location
9 designated in the documents which established the town. The location may be within
10 the town or, if convenient, within any other town or within a city or village in the
11 county in which the town is located.

12 **SECTION 5.** 60.20 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 60.20 (3) MEETINGS. Meetings of the town board may be held in the town or in
14 any other town, city or village within or adjoining the town, subject to subch. V of ch.
15 19.

16 (END)