



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 814

January 25, 1996 - Introduced by Representatives SCHNEIDER and WALKER,
cosponsored by Senator SHIBILSKI, by request of The City of Wisconsin Rapids.
Referred to Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 5.15 (2) (f) (intro.); and *to create* 5.15 (2) (dm) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** exemption of certain wards established by cities from minimum
3 population requirements.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, with certain exceptions, each municipality must divide itself into wards to facilitate the administration of elections following each federal decennial census of population. With certain exceptions, each ward must meet statutory standards for minimum and maximum population, which vary with the population of the municipality making the division.

This bill creates an exception to the minimum population requirements for wards which permits a city to establish a ward below the prescribed minimum population pertaining to wards in that city whenever the ward is established in a reasonable manner to facilitate the creation of aldermanic districts of equal population.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 5.15 (2) (dm) of the statutes is created to read:
5 5.15 (2) (dm) Any city may establish a ward below the prescribed minimum
6 population for the applicable range whenever the ward is established in a reasonable
7 manner to facilitate creation of aldermanic districts of equal population.
8 **SECTION 2.** 5.15 (2) (f) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

