

2003 SENATE BILL 228

August 13, 2003 – Introduced by Senators REYNOLDS, S. FITZGERALD and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives JENSEN, FREESE, BIES, GUNDERSON, GUNDRUM, SERATTI, AINSWORTH and F. LASEE. Referred to Committee on Education, Ethics and Elections.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber* 121.007; *to amend* 121.007 (title); and *to create* 66.0145
2 and 121.007 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** use of local governmental resources
3 to promote or defeat a referendum.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill explicitly prohibits any local governmental unit from using its funds or other resources to advocate for the approval or disapproval of a referendum question submitted by any local governmental unit to the electors of the governmental unit.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 66.0145 of the statutes is created to read:
5 **66.0145 Spending on referenda. (1)** In this section, “local governmental
6 unit” means a political subdivision of this state, a special purpose district in this
7 state, an agency or corporation of a political subdivision or special purpose district,
8 or a combination or subunit of any of the foregoing.

