

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Senator Risser:

I did not include the language on dissolution from your instructions because this process will not work. If the council has less than 12 months before dissolution, there would not be time for the audit bureau to complete an audit and the council to impose a levy to ensure that its bills will be paid, and the council would be dissolved before taxpayers would be able to pay the part of their property taxes that is imposed by the council — there would be no entity for them to pay. If you expand the time period, say, to 24 months before dissolution, I'm not sure how useful an audit would be that is trying to estimate how much the council will need to levy over the next two years to pay its bills. I did include an audit requirement, however. Please let me know if you want any changes to the dissolution, or any other part, of this bill.

Also, I'm still not sure what the legal effect is of s. 66.1002 (2) (h), which says that the council shall "serve as the demographic statistics center for the U.S. census." No one answered that question from the last version of the draft, but I've left the provision in the bill.

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