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**GOVERNOR**  
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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY:

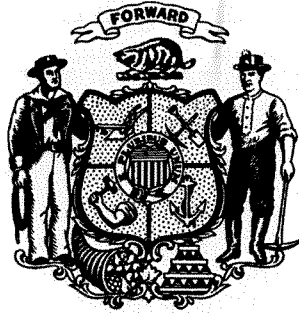
I am vetoing Assembly Bill 152. Under current law, counties retain 10 percent of fines and forfeitures for administrative expenses. This bill would increase to 20 or 30 percent the share retained by counties for collections of unpaid fines and forfeitures within 120 days and over 120 days, respectively. This change, while intended as an incentive to increase collections of unpaid fines and forfeitures, would appear to do the opposite. By waiting 120 days, counties could increase administration fees by 200 percent.

Fines and forfeitures are deposited in the Common School Fund, interest on which is used to support public school libraries. The Common School Fund is the sole source of state funding for Wisconsin's school libraries. This significant increase in county administration fees will come at the expense of the Common School Fund. I cannot support the reduction of this program, which is critical to Wisconsin school children, with no guarantee that the funds retained by the counties would actually be used to increase collections efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM DOYLE  
Governor

# State of Wisconsin



2005 Assembly Bill 152

Date of enactment:  
Date of publication\*:

## 2005 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT *to amend* 59.25 (3) (j) of the statutes; **relating to:** collection of fines and forfeitures by counties.

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

**SECTION 1.** 59.25 (3) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:

59.25 (3) (j) Retain 40% for 20 percent of fines and forfeitures collected within 120 days of being imposed and 30 percent of fines and forfeitures collected after 120 days of being imposed as fees in for receiving and paying into the state treasury all money received by the treasurer for the state for fines and forfeitures, except that 50% but

retain 50 percent of the state forfeitures and fines under chs. 341 to 347, 349, and 351 ~~shall be retained~~ as fees and retain the other fees for receiving and paying money into the state treasury that are prescribed by law.

**SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

(1) This act first applies to fines and forfeitures that are uncollected on the effective date of this subsection.

**SECTION 3. Effective date.**

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 4th month beginning after publication.

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\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2003-04 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].