

2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 794

October 31, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives SUDER, MUSSER, KRAWCZYK, OWENS, HAHN, DAVIS, HINES, PETTIS and PETROWSKI, cosponsored by Senators ZIEN and BROWN. Referred to Committee on Rural Development.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 560.081 (2) (intro.), and (c) 3., (e), (f) 1., 2., 5. and (h); and *to*
2 *repeal and recreate* 560.081 (1) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** making
3 counties eligible for and requiring the selection of Clark County for
4 participation in the State Main Street Program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Commerce (Department) administers the State Main Street Program, under which a municipality (city, town, or village) may apply for technical support and training from the department to promote historic and economic redevelopment of traditional or historic business districts. The Department annually selects up to five municipalities to participate in the program.

This bill allows counties to participate in the State Main Street Program. If the Department selects a county to participate in the program, no municipalities located within that county may participate in the program. The bill also requires the Department to select Clark County to participate in the program by December 30, 2005.

For further information see the *state and 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:

ASSEMBLY BILL 794**SECTION 1**

1 **SECTION 1.** 560.081 (1) (b) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

2 560.081 **(1)** (b) “Political subdivision” means a city, county, village, or town.

3 **SECTION 2.** 560.081 (2) (intro.), and (c) 3., (e), (f) 1., 2., 5. and (h) of the statutes
4 are amended to read:

5 560.081 **(2)** (intro.) The department shall establish and administer a state
6 main street program to coordinate state and local participation in programs offered
7 by the national main street center, created by the national trust for historic
8 preservation, to assist ~~municipalities~~ political subdivisions in planning, managing
9 and implementing programs for the revitalization of business areas. The
10 department shall do all of the following:

11 (c) 3. Help ~~municipalities~~ political subdivisions engage in revitalization of
12 business areas.

13 (e) Annually select, upon application, up to 5 ~~municipalities~~ political
14 subdivisions to participate in the state main street program. The program for each
15 ~~municipality~~ political subdivision shall conclude after 3 years, except that the
16 program for each ~~municipality~~ political subdivision selected after July 29, 1995, shall
17 conclude after 5 years. The department shall select program participants
18 representing various geographical regions and populations and may not select a city,
19 town, or village located within a county that is a program participant. A ~~municipality~~
20 political subdivision may apply to participate, and the department may select a
21 ~~municipality~~ political subdivision for participation, more than one time. In selecting
22 a ~~municipality~~ political subdivision, however, the department may give priority to
23 those ~~municipalities~~ political subdivisions that have not previously participated.

24 (f) 1. Private and public sector interest in and commitment to revitalization of
25 a business area selected by the ~~municipality~~ political subdivision.

