

2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 154

March 3, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives FREESE, KESSLER, SEIDEL, PARISI, HINES, MURSAU and LEHMAN. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 59.10 (3) (b) 3.; and *to amend* 59.10 (2) (d) 1. of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** contiguity of territory within county supervisory districts.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, except in counties having only one town (Menominee County), each county is required to enact a revised supervisory district plan to reflect the results of each federal decennial census. With limited exceptions, each supervisory district that is created under such a plan must consist of contiguous, whole wards or municipalities. For this purpose, the law provides that a district that includes territory that is connected to other territory only from corner to corner is considered to be contiguous.

This bill deletes the law which provides that territory in a county supervisory district plan that is connected to other territory from corner to corner is considered to be contiguous, effective with revised county supervisory district plans enacted in response to the 2010 federal decennial census of population.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 59.10 (2) (d) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:
4 59.10 **(2)** (d) 1. ‘Number of supervisors; redistricting.’ The board may, not more
5 than once prior to November 15, 2010, decrease the number of supervisors after the

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1 enactment of a supervisory district plan under par. (a). In that case, the board shall
2 redistrict, readjust, and change the boundaries of supervisory districts, so that the
3 number of districts equals the number of supervisors, the districts are substantially
4 equal in population according to the most recent countywide federal census, the
5 districts are in as compact a form as possible, and the districts consist of contiguous
6 whole wards in existence at the time at which the redistricting plan is adopted. In
7 the redistricting plan, the board shall adhere to the requirements under sub. (3) (b)
8 ~~2. and 3.~~ with regard to contiguity and shall, to the extent possible, place whole
9 contiguous municipalities or contiguous parts of the same municipality within the
10 same district. In redistricting under this subdivision, the original numbers of the
11 districts in their geographic outlines, to the extent possible, shall be retained. The
12 chairperson of the board shall file a certified copy of any redistricting plan adopted
13 under this subdivision with the secretary of state.

14 **SECTION 2.** 59.10 (3) (b) 3. of the statutes is repealed.

15 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

16 (1) This act first applies with respect to county supervisory district plans
17 enacted in response to the 2010 federal decennial census of population.

18 (END)