



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2009 Senate Bill 383**

**Assembly Amendments 1 and 3**

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*Senate Bill 383* makes numerous changes to the laws regarding the operation of municipal courts.

*Assembly Amendment 1* makes the following changes to the bill:

- Clarifies that the governing body of the municipality may by ordinance or bylaw abolish the municipal court as part of a consolidation with another town, village, or city.
- Modifies the provision relating to the hours of operation of the municipal court. Under the bill, the court must be open daily or as directed by the judge. Under the amendment, the court must be open daily or as determined by the judge and approved by the governing body of the municipality.

*Assembly Amendment 3* provides that appeals from determinations regarding whether the defendant is unable to pay a judgment because of poverty may be taken by either party to the circuit court of the county where the offense occurred.

### Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Seidel and Assembly Amendment 3 was offered by Representative Parisi. On March 11, 2010, the Assembly Committee on Corrections and the Courts voted to recommend: adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0; adoption of Assembly Amendment 3 on a vote of Ayes, 11; Noes, 1; and concurrence in the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 11; Noes, 1.

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