



2013 SENATE BILL 390

November 4, 2013 – Introduced by Senators FARROW and LAZICH, cosponsored by Representatives CRAIG, KRAMER and KAPENGA. Referred to Elections and Urban Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 60.62; and *to create* 60.62 (3) (b) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** expanding the requirement of county board approval of
3 a town amendment of its zoning ordinances.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, if a town board has been granted the authority to exercise village powers, the town board may enact zoning ordinances using the zoning statutes that are used by cities and villages, subject to a number of conditions. If the county in which the town is located has enacted a county zoning ordinance, town zoning ordinances may not take effect until such ordinances are approved either by a town meeting or by a referendum vote of the electors of the town. In addition, in counties having a zoning ordinance, no town zoning ordinance, or amendment of a zoning ordinance, may be adopted by the town unless approved by the county board; the bill modifies this provision.

Under this bill, with regard to towns to which certain conditions apply, the town may not adopt or amend a zoning ordinance without county board approval. The conditions are the following: the town must be located in a county with a population in excess of 380,000, that county must have a zoning ordinance in effect on January 1, 2013 and, the county must be adjacent to a county that has a population in excess of 800,000.

