



2013 SENATE BILL 397

November 11, 2013 – Introduced by Senator GROTHMAN, cosponsored by Representatives MURPHY, BERNARD SCHABER, THIESFELDT, KESTELL, MURSAU, A. OTT, BERNIER and TITTL. Referred to Committee on Economic Development and Local Government.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 43.12 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** county payments to
2 public libraries in adjacent counties.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a county that does not maintain a consolidated public library for the county and that contains residents who are not residents of a municipality that maintains a public library must pay to each public library in the county, and to each public library in an adjacent county, an amount that is equal to at least 70 percent of the amount computed by multiplying the number of loans of material made by that library to residents of the county who are not residents of a municipality that maintains a public library by the library's average operational cost per loan (library service payment).

Under this bill, a county, whether or not it maintains a consolidated public library for the county, must make a library service payment to each public library in an adjacent county.

For further information see the *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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 43.12 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 43.12 (1) By March 1 of each year, a county that does not maintain a
2 consolidated public library for the county under s. 43.57 and that contains residents
3 who are not residents of a municipality that maintains a public library under s. 43.52
4 or 43.53 shall pay to each public library in the county, and a county that contains
5 residents who are not residents of a municipality that maintains a public library
6 under s. 43.52 or 43.53, shall pay to each public library in an adjacent county, other
7 than a county with a population of at least 500,000, an amount that is equal to at least
8 70% of the amount computed by multiplying the number of loans reported under sub.
9 (2) by the amount that results from dividing the total operational expenditures of the
10 library during the calendar year for which the number of loans are reported, not
11 including capital expenditures or expenditures of federal funds, by the total number
12 of loans of material made by the public library during the calendar year for which
13 the loans are reported. The library board of the public library entitled to a payment
14 under this subsection may direct the county to credit all or a portion of the payment
15 to a county library service or library system for shared services.

16 (END)