



2013 SENATE BILL 593

February 13, 2014 – Introduced by Senator JAUCH, cosponsored by Representatives MILROY, BERCEAU, OHNSTAD and T. LARSON. Referred to Committee on Workforce Development, Forestry, Mining, and Revenue.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 77.70 (1); and *to create* 77.70 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 an additional county sales and use tax for highway improvements.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a county may impose a sales and use tax at the rate of 0.5 percent of the sales price of tangible personal property, goods, and services sold or used in the county. The county sales and use tax may be imposed only for the purpose of reducing the county's property tax levy.

Under the bill, with the approval of the electors in the county at a referendum, a county with a population under 100,000 may impose an additional sales and use tax at the rate of no more than 0.5 percent of the sales price of tangible personal property, goods, and services sold or used in the county in order to pay for highway improvements in the county. The county may impose the tax for six years. If the county wishes to extend the tax, it must be approved again at a referendum.

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:

- 3 **SECTION 1.** 77.70 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 77.70 (1) Any county desiring to impose county sales and use taxes under this
5 subchapter may do so by the adoption of an ordinance, stating its purpose and

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1 referring to this subchapter. The rate of the tax imposed under this subsection is 0.5
2 percent of the sales price or purchase price. ~~The Except as provided in sub. (2), county~~
3 sales and use taxes may be imposed only for the purpose of directly reducing the
4 property tax levy and only in their entirety as provided in this subchapter. That
5 ordinance shall be effective on ~~the first day of January, the first day of April, the first~~
6 ~~day of July or the first day of October~~ January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1. A
7 certified copy of that ordinance shall be delivered to the secretary of revenue at least
8 120 days prior to its effective date. The repeal of any such ordinance shall be effective
9 on December 31. A certified copy of a repeal ordinance shall be delivered to the
10 secretary of revenue at least 120 days before the effective date of the repeal.

11 **SECTION 2.** 77.70 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

12 **77.70 (2)** In addition to the taxes imposed under sub. (1), if the electors of the
13 county approve the ordinance at a referendum, a county with a population under
14 100,000 may adopt an ordinance to impose a sales and use tax under this subchapter
15 at the rate of no more than 0.5 percent of the sales price or purchase price in order
16 to pay for highway improvements in the county. The taxes may be imposed only in
17 their entirety. The amount that a county spends on highway improvements in a year
18 in which the tax is imposed under this subsection may not be less than the amount
19 the county spent on highway improvements in the year prior to the year of the
20 referendum. An ordinance adopted under this subsection shall be effective on
21 January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1. A certified copy of the ordinance shall be
22 delivered to the secretary of revenue at least 120 days prior to its effective date. The
23 repeal of any such ordinance shall be effective on December 31. A certified copy of
24 a repeal ordinance shall be delivered to the secretary of revenue at least 120 days
25 before the effective date of the repeal. An ordinance adopted to impose the tax under

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1 this subsection is valid for 6 years but may be renewed by the approval of the electors
2 of the county at a referendum.

3 (END)