



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Bill 94

Senate Amendment 1

Memo published: November 4, 2013

Contact: Katie Bender-Olson, Staff Attorney (266-2988)

Current Law

Current law requires municipalities with a population of 35,000 or more to report all election returns by ward, even when multiple wards are combined into one polling place for voting.

Senate Bill 94

Senate Bill 94 allows a municipality with a population of 35,000 or more to combine election returns for any ward having a population of less than 20 with returns for any adjacent ward, unless separate returns are required to determine the results of the election. The municipality may not combine wards, however, if the total population of the combined wards would exceed the applicable population range limits for wards in that municipality. The bill provides a method by which a municipal clerk may estimate a ward population for purposes of combining election returns when the ward population cannot be determined from census results.

Senate Amendment 1

Senate Amendment 1 replaces a reference to wards having a population of “less than 20,” and instead, applies to wards having a population of “20 or less.”

Bill History

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Leibham on October 29, 2013. The Senate Committee on Elections and Urban Affairs voted to adopt the amendment on November 1, 2013, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0. The committee then voted to recommend passage of Senate Bill 94, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

KBO:ksm