February 6, 2015 – Introduced by Senator Bewley, cosponsored by Representative Meyers. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

AN ACT to create 59.692 (1p) of the statutes; relating to: the authority of a county to zone shorelands in a town that is located entirely on an island and authorized to exercise village powers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a county must enact a shoreland zoning ordinance for all shorelands in its unincorporated area. Current law defines a shoreland to be an area within a certain distance from the edge of a navigable water. Under this bill, a county may not enact an ordinance zoning shorelands in a town that is located entirely on an island and authorized to exercise village powers and may not enforce an existing ordinance zoning shorelands in such a town.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 59.692 (1p) of the statutes is created to read:

59.692 (1p) (a) A county may not enact an ordinance zoning shorelands in a town that is located entirely on an island and authorized to exercise village powers under s. 60.22 (3).
(b) If a county has in effect on the effective date of this paragraph ..., [LRB inserts date], an ordinance that is inconsistent with par. (a), the ordinance does not apply and may not be enforced to the extent of the inconsistency.