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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2019 Assembly Bill 235**

**Senate Substitute  
Amendment 1**

### **2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 235**

2019 Assembly Bill 235 creates an exception under the levy limit law to replace revenue lost by a political subdivision due to a reduction in utility aid payments as a result of closure or decommissioning of a power plant. Under current law, after a power plant is closed or decommissioned, utility aid payments associated with that plant are reduced 20 percent annually over a five-year period.

### **SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1**

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 235 makes several technical modifications to the bill, clarifying the maximum amount of the levy limit exception that may be claimed upon each reduction in utility aid, the manner in which the exceptions will carry forward with respect to future levy limits, and the circumstances in which a political subdivision will qualify for the exemption. Additionally, the amendment specifies that the bill would first apply to the levy imposed in December of 2020.

### **BILL HISTORY**

2019 Assembly Bill 235 was introduced by Representative Kerkman on May 23, 2019. Senator Wanggaard offered Senate Substitute Amendment 1 on October 8, 2019. On the same day, the Senate adopted Senate Substitute Amendment 1 on a voice vote and concurred in 2019 Assembly Bill 235, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 32; Noes, 1.

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