2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 681

December 17, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives PLUMER, NOVAK, FELZKOWSKI, QUINN, STEFFEN, WICHERS, KULP, MAGNAFICI, TUSLER, EDMING, SPIROS and SCHRAA, cosponsored by Senators BERNIER, STROEBEL and NAS. Referred to Committee on Local Government.

AN ACT to amend 59.02 (2); and to create 59.02 (4) of the statutes; relating to:

requiring a supermajority county board vote to enact ordinances that affect only towns.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Generally under current law, ordinances enacted by a county board require a majority vote of a quorum. Under this bill, ordinances enacted by a county board that affect only towns must be enacted by a three-fourths vote of the members-elect. Members-elect is defined as those members of the county board who have been elected or appointed for a current term and whose service has not terminated.

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

SECTION 1. 59.02 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

59.02 (2) Ordinances may be enacted and resolutions may be adopted by a majority vote of a quorum or by such larger vote as may be required by law and as provided in sub. (4). Ordinances shall commence as follows: “The county board of supervisors of the county of .... does ordain as follows”.

SECTION 2. 59.02 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

59.02 (4) Any ordinance enacted by the board that affects only towns must be
enacted by a three-fourths vote of the members-elect.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to an ordinance that is enacted on the effective date
of this subsection.

(END)