2019 SENATE BILL 153


AN ACT to renumber and amend 101.65 (3); and to create 101.65 (3) (a) and (b) of the statutes; relating to: submission of building permit applications for one-family and two-family dwellings.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits a city, village, town, or county from requiring an applicant for a building permit for a one-family or two-family dwelling to submit the application in both paper and electronic forms. The bill also provides that if a city, village, town, or county requires submission of the application in paper form, the applicant is allowed to submit any of the following: 1) a printed copy of the form that the city, village, town, or county makes available electronically; 2) a printed copy of the form that the Department of Safety and Professional Services makes available electronically; or 3) the form that DSPS makes available to the public in paper form. The bill allows an applicant to submit one of the foregoing forms even if DSPS has approved a city’s, village’s, town’s, or county’s use of a form that is different than the standard form prescribed by DSPS.

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

SECTION 1. 101.65 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 101.65 (3) (intro.) and amended to read:
101.65 (3) (intro.) Shall Except as provided in par. (a), shall use the standard building permit form prescribed and furnished by the department, or, if approved by the department under s. 101.63 (7m), a different building permit form. A city, village, town, or county may require an applicant to submit the form in paper or electronic form, but may not require that an applicant submit the form in both paper and electronic forms. If a city, village, town, or county requires submission of the form in paper form, both of the following apply:

SECTION 2. 101.65 (3) (a) and (b) of the statutes are created to read:

101.65 (3) (a) The applicant may submit any of the following:

1. A printed copy of the form that the city, village, town, or county makes available electronically.

2. A printed copy of the form that the department makes available electronically.

3. The form that the department makes available to the public in paper form.

(b) The city, village, town, or county shall submit electronically to the department the information on the form submitted by the applicant under par. (a).