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)