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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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<b>2003 Wisconsin Act 165</b> [2003 Assembly Bill 526]	<b>Waiver of Filing Fee if Parties Stipulate to Certain Revisions</b>
2003 Acts: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/">www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/</a>	Act Memos: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm">www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm</a>

Under *current law*, a party who files a petition or motion to revise a judgment or order for child support, family support, or maintenance must pay a filing fee of \$30 to the clerk of circuit court. Fifty percent of the filing fee is retained for general use by the county and 50% is paid to the state treasurer for deposit in the general fund. No filing fee is required, however, if the parties stipulate to the revision in child or family support or maintenance.

Also under *current law*, a party who files a petition, motion, or order to show cause to revise a judgment or order for legal custody of, or physical placement with, a child must pay a filing fee of \$50 to the clerk of circuit court. Twenty-five percent of the filing fee is retained for general use by the county, 25% is paid to the state treasurer for deposit in the general fund, and 50% must be used exclusively for the county's family court counseling services, which include mediation.

**2003 Wisconsin Act 165** provides that no filing fee is required for filing a petition, motion, or order to show cause to revise a judgment or order for legal custody or physical placement if the parties stipulate to the revision.

**Effective Date:** The effective date of 2003 Wisconsin Act 165 is April 20, 2004.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.