



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Assembly Bill 871

**Assembly
Amendments 1, 2, and 3**

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Assembly Bill 871 prohibits the county board in a county with a population of at least 500,000 (currently, Milwaukee County) from increasing the annual salary of a county board supervisor or the county executive for any term of office other than the next succeeding term and from providing an annual salary that increases during a term of office. The bill also provides that the annual salary of each county board supervisor (for Milwaukee County) and the county executive (for Milwaukee County) that is in effect on the date on which the bill becomes law remains in effect for the balance of the term of office and for any succeeding term unless the county board changes the salary after the bill's effective date.

Assembly Amendment 1 deletes the requirement that the annual salary of each Milwaukee County Board supervisor in effect on the bill's effective date remains in effect for the balance of the term of office and for any succeeding term of office unless changed by the board after the bill's effective date. Testimony at the public hearing on Assembly Bill 871 indicated that the Milwaukee County Board has already frozen the salaries of county board supervisors for the remainder of the current term of office and has decreased the salary for the succeeding term of office. Without the adoption of Assembly Amendment 1, the Milwaukee County Board would be required to again vote to decrease the salary of county board supervisors for the succeeding term.

Assembly Amendment 2 clarifies that a "self-organized county" with a population of at least 500,000 is subject to the same limitations on annual salaries for county board supervisors that apply under the bill generally to counties with a population of at least 500,000. (Under current law, a county may, by adoption of an ordinance, become a so-called "self-organized" county. See s. 59.10 (intro.) and (1), Stats. The county board of a county that is a self-organized county may, among other things, determine the method of compensation for county board supervisors. Section 59.10 (1) (c), Stats.)

Assembly Amendment 3 deletes the provision of the bill that freezes the annual compensation of the county executive in Milwaukee County at the level in effect on the effective date of the bill for the balance of the current term and for any succeeding term unless changed by the county board.

Assembly Amendments 1, 2, and 3 were adopted by the Assembly on a voice vote on March 7, 2002.