



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2005 Senate Bill 126**

**Senate Substitute Amendment 1  
and Senate Amendment 1 to  
Senate Substitute Amendment 1**

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Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 126 changes the requirements for the publication of certain actions taken by counties, towns, town sanitary districts, villages, or cities (local governmental units). Under *current law*, a county, town sanitary district, village, or city must publish the complete text of certain actions (such as ordinances, bylaws, rules, orders, resolutions, and motions, depending on the governmental unit) in a local newspaper. If there is no newspaper published in a village, the village board may instead have copies of an ordinance or bylaw posted in at least three public places in the village. Towns have the option of publishing specified actions as a notice in a local newspaper or posting the specified actions in at least three places in the town likely to give notice to the public.

*Senate Substitute Amendment 1* makes no changes to the current law with respect to *posting* for villages or towns, but with respect to *publishing* the substitute amendment gives local governmental units a new option. Under the substitute amendment, a local governmental unit would have the option of continuing to publish the complete text of an action in its entirety, but would also be allowed to publish a notice of the action instead, if the notice contained at least all of the following:

- The number and title of the ordinance or other specified action.
- The date of enactment.
- A summary of the subject matter of the ordinance or other specified action.
- Information as to where the full text of the ordinance or other specified action may be obtained.

*Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Substitute Amendment 1* is a technical amendment that corrects a statutory reference, as well as references to the types of actions (e.g., ordinance, rule, order, or bylaw) specified in relevant sections of the substitute amendment.

**Legislative History**

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Roessler. On May 11, 2005, the Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform introduced, and recommended for adoption, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Substitute Amendment 1, on votes of Ayes, 4; Noes, 1 for both actions. On the same day, the committee recommended adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1 as amended, and passage of Senate Bill 126 as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

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