



State of Wisconsin
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2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 45

February 10, 2003 – Introduced by Representative SERATTI. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

1 AN ACT **to create** 59.605 (3) (a) 3m. of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing
2 Marinette County to modify the question in a referendum to exceed the
3 operating levy rate limit.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law and subject to a number of exceptions, no county may impose an operating levy at an operating levy rate that exceeds 0.001 or the operating levy rate in 1992, whichever is greater. “Operating levy” is defined as the county purpose levy, less the debt levy, and “operating levy rate” is defined as the total levy rate minus the debt levy rate.

A county may exceed the limit under current law if its board adopts a resolution stating its wish to exceed the operating levy rate limit that is otherwise applicable and if that resolution is approved by the electors of the county in a referendum. The limit may also be exceeded if a county increases the services that it provides by adding responsibility for providing a service transferred to the county by another governmental unit.

Under this bill, the referendum question to exceed the operating levy rate limit that is otherwise applicable may be modified by Marinette County to specify what the revenues generated by exceeding the operating levy rate limit will be used for and requiring that such revenues be used for the purpose stated in the referendum.

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For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 59.605 (3) (a) 3m. of the statutes is created to read:

2 59.605 (3) (a) 3m. In Marinette County the referendum questions specified in
3 subd. 3. may also include a statement describing the purpose for which the extra
4 revenue, which is generated by exceeding the otherwise applicable operating levy
5 rate limit, is to be used. Any revenue that is so generated in Marinette County may
6 be used only for the purpose specified in the referendum question, if the question has
7 such a statement of purpose.

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