



## 2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 678

January 10, 2008 – Introduced by Representatives LEMAHIEU, NASS, GUNDERSON, LOTHIAN, FRISKE, VOS, STRACHOTA, RHOADES, BIES, BALLWEG, TOWNSEND, HAHN and MUSSER, cosponsored by Senators GROTHMAN, OLSEN and ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 59.25 (3) (j) of the statutes; **relating to:** collection of fines and  
2     forfeitures by counties.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, if a circuit court imposes a fine or forfeiture on a person for violating a state law or local ordinance unrelated to transportation, the clerk of circuit court collects the amount owed and pays that amount to the county treasurer. The county treasurer, in turn, pays 90 percent of the fine and forfeiture money to the state, but is permitted to retain 10 percent of the money as administrative fees.

This bill allows the county to retain 20 percent of fines and forfeitures unrelated to transportation ordinance violations that are collected and 30 percent of those fines and forfeitures that were imposed at least 180 days before the effective date of the bill and collected within one year of that date.

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

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

3     **SECTION 1.** 59.25 (3) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4     59.25 (3) (j) Retain 10% for 20 percent of fines and forfeitures collected as fees  
5     ~~in~~ for receiving and paying into the state treasury all money received by the treasurer

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1 for the state for fines and forfeitures, ~~except that 50%,~~ retain 30 percent of the fines  
2 and forfeitures collected within one year after the effective date of this paragraph ....  
3 [revisor inserts date], that were imposed at least 180 days before the effective date  
4 of this paragraph .... [revisor inserts date], retain 50 percent of the state forfeitures  
5 and fines under chs. 341 to 347, 349, and 351 ~~shall be retained as fees,~~ and retain the  
6 other fees for receiving and paying money into the state treasury that are prescribed  
7 by law.

8 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

9 (1) This act first applies to fines and forfeitures that are uncollected on the  
10 effective date of this subsection.

11 **SECTION 3. Effective date.**

12 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 4th month beginning after  
13 publication.

14 (END)