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2025 SENATE BILL 162

March 27, 2025 - Introduced by Senators WIMBERGER and WALL, cosponsored by Representatives GOEBEN, O'CONNOR and KNODL. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Local Government.

AN ACT *to amend* 985.065 (2) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** bid requirement for publication and printing of county board proceedings, notices, and advertisements in counties having a population of 250,000 or more and at least two English newspapers published daily.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, in counties that have a population of 250,000 or more, the county board must, at its annual meeting, direct the county clerk to invite proposals from the English newspapers published daily in that county for the publication and printing of the board's proceedings and all other notices or advertisements authorized or required to be published or printed by the board and all officers, boards, and departments of that county during the following year. This bill modifies the requirement, providing that only counties that have a population of 250,000 or more *and* have at least two English newspapers published daily must direct the county clerk to invite proposals for publication and printing.

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

SECTION 1. 985.065 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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985.065 (2) (a) In counties having a population of 250,000 or more and that have at least 2 English newspapers published daily, the county board of supervisors, at its annual meeting shall direct the county clerk to invite proposals from the English newspapers published daily in said county, for the publication and printing of the proceedings of said board, and all other notices or advertisements as shall be authorized or required to be published or printed by the said board and all officers, boards and departments of said county, during the next ensuing year, which publications and advertising may be divided and classified if the said board shall so order.

(END)