



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 694

November 21, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives DUEHOLM, TURNER, RYBA, WILDER, HUBLER, PLOMBON and BALDUS, cosponsored by Senator CLAUSING. Referred to Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law.

- 1 **AN ACT to repeal** 20.510 (1) (b); and **to create** 20.510 (1) (b) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** payment of costs incurred by local governments resulting from
3 1995-96 election-related date changes and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under 1995 Wisconsin Act 16, the dates for 81 events in relation to the 1996 spring primary and election and the 1996 presidential preference primary are changed.

This bill provides that if any county or municipality incurs costs specifically resulting from changes to any date made by Act 16, including any litigation costs or costs of judgments resulting from these changes, the county or municipality may file a claim with the state elections board for reimbursement of these costs. The bill directs the board to audit all claims received and, if the board finds that the costs have been incurred by the county or municipality, and the costs would not have been incurred but for the enactment of Act 16 and necessarily resulted from the changes made by that act, the board is directed to reimburse the county or municipality for its costs. The bill appropriates a sum sufficient from general purpose revenue to be used by the board to provide reimbursement. To be eligible for reimbursement, a county or municipality must file a claim by December 31, 1996.

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:

- 4 **SECTION 1.** 20.510 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

