2013 SENATE BILL 24

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1   AN ACT *to amend* 302.372 (6) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** extending the time

2   period for counties to seek reimbursement from prisoners for expenses

3   associated with confinement in jail.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a county may seek, from a person who is sentenced to a county jail or placed on probation and confined in jail, reimbursement for certain expenses it incurs in relation to the crime for which the person was sentenced to or confined in jail. These expenses include the daily cost of maintaining the person in jail, costs incurred to investigate the person's financial status, and other moneys the county spends in order to collect payment of those expenses from the person. Current law allows the county 12 months after the person is released from jail to commence a civil action in circuit court for reimbursement of the expenses.

This law extends, from 12 months to 24 months, the time in which a county may commence a civil action for reimbursement of its expenses from a person who is released from jail.

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:

1   **Section 1.** 302.372 (6) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2   302.372 **(6)** (a) Within ~~12~~ 24 months after the release of a prisoner from jail,

3   the county where the jail is located shall commence a civil action in circuit court to

4   obtain a judgment for the expenses under sub. (2) (a) or be barred. The jailer shall

5   provide any assistance that the county requests related to an action under this

6   subsection.

7   **(END)**