

Assembly Bill 1035

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**CHAPTER 218, LAWS OF 1967**

AN ACT to create 66.432 of the statutes, authorizing municipalities to enact ordinances prohibiting discrimination in housing.

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

66.432 of the statutes is created to read:

**66.432 LOCAL EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.** (1) **DECLARATION OF POLICY.** The right of all persons to have equal opportunities for housing regardless of their race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry is a matter both of state-wide concern under s. 101.60 and also of local interest under this section and s. 66.433. The enactment of s. 101.60 by the legislature shall not pre-empt the subject matter of equal opportunities in housing from consideration by local governments, and shall not exempt cities, villages, towns and counties from their duty, nor deprive them of their right, to enact ordinances which prohibit discrimination in any type of housing solely on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry.

(2) **ANTIDISCRIMINATION ORDINANCES.** Cities, villages and towns may enact ordinances prohibiting discrimination in the sale or rental of any type of housing within their respective boundaries solely on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry. Such an ordinance may be similar to s. 101.60 or may be more inclusive in its terms or in respect to the different types of housing subject to its provisions, but any such ordinance establishing a forfeiture as a penalty for violation shall not be less than the statutory forfeitures under s. 101.60. Counties may enact such ordinances under ss. 59.07 (11) and 66.433.

(3) **CONTINGENCY RESTRICTION.** No city, village, town or county shall enact an ordinance under sub. (2), which contains a provision making its effective date or the operation of any of its provisions contingent on the enactment of an ordinance on the same or similar subject matter by one or more other cities, village, towns or counties.

Approved December 6, 1967.