



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Senate Bill 118

Senate Amendments 1 and 2

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Senate Bill 118 authorizes a city or village to abolish its police department if it enters into a contract with the county for the sheriff to provide law enforcement services for the entire city or village.

Senate Amendment 1

When a city or village is located in more than one county and wants to contract to have a county provide law enforcement services, Senate Bill 118 requires the city or village to enter into a contract with the county in which the greatest amount of the city's equalized value, population, or territory is located. Senate Amendment 1 expressly provides that under such a contract, the jurisdiction of the contracting county sheriff and deputies includes the entire territory of the city or village, whether or not located in the county.

Senate Amendment 2

Senate Amendment 2 requires that, before any contract between a city or village and a county for county provision of law enforcement services may take effect, the city and county must discuss the provision of emergency "911" telephone service within the area to which the contract applies. This is in response to concerns that when a city or village is located in more than one county, the processing of 911 calls and the resulting response times may not be uniform since the law enforcement services to the city or village will be provided by only one county.

Legislative History

On May 11, 2005, the Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform introduced Senate Amendments 1 and 2, and recommended adoption of the two amendments, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0, for both actions. On the same day, the committee recommended passage of Senate Bill 118, as amended, also on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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