



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2005 Senate Bill 147**

**Senate Substitute  
Amendment 1**

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*Current law* generally requires employers to pay employees no less than a living wage, as determined by the Department of Workforce Development in accordance with state minimum wage law under ch. 104, Stats. Also, the ability of a city or village to determine its own local affairs under the municipal home rule provision of the Wisconsin Constitution is subject to “such enactments of the legislature of statewide concern as with uniformity shall affect every city or every village.” [Wis. Const. art. XI, s. 3.]

*Senate Substitute Amendment 1* requires that the state minimum wage law be construed as an enactment of statewide concern for the purpose of providing a living wage that is uniform throughout the state; prohibits a city, village, town, or county from enacting a living wage ordinance; and voids any city, village, town, or county living wage ordinance in effect on the effective date of the provision.

The amendment does not affect the requirement that employees employed on a public works project contracted for by a city, village, town, or county be paid at the prevailing wage rate required under s. 66.0903, Stats.

### *Legislative History*

On April 6, 2005, the Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform introduced Senate Substitute Amendment 1 and recommended adoption of the amendment, both on votes of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2. On the same day, the committee recommended passage of Senate Bill 147, as amended, also on a vote of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

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