
Wisconsin Legislative Council

AMENDMENT MEMO



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2021 Senate Bill 252

**Senate Substitute
Amendment 1**

BACKGROUND

Under current law, in the City of Wisconsin Dells, tax incremental district (TID) 2 is a blight TID with a current termination date of 2031. TID 3 is a mixed-use TID that has been declared severely distressed (now “performing”), and currently has a mandatory termination date of 2045. The expenditure period for TID 3 ended in May 2020.

Also, one of the requirements under the state’s tax incremental financing (TIF) law is that a municipality that has an active TID (the TID has not terminated), the municipality must prepare and make publicly available updated annual reports describing the status of each existing TID, including expenditures and revenues. The municipality must file a copy of the report with the Department of Revenue (DOR) by July 1 annually. Current law specifies the minimum amount of information that the report must contain.

2021 SENATE BILL 252

Senate Bill 252 modifies the administration of TID 2 and TID 3 in the City of Wisconsin Dells. For TID 2, the bill extends the time during which tax increments may be allocated and during which expenditures may be made: it extends the allocation of TID increments (i.e., the total lifespan of the TID) to December 31, 2036, and extends the expenditure period through 2031.

For TID 3 in the City of Wisconsin Dells, the bill extends the expenditure period through 2040.

SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to the bill replaces the provisions of the bill and provides all of the following:

- Extends the expenditure period for TID 3 in the City of Wisconsin Dells through 2031, with a termination date of December 31, 2036. Because the substitute amendment does not contain provisions related to TID 2, current law related to TID 2’s expenditure period and termination date apply under the substitute amendment.
- Requires any municipality to include in its annual report describing each existing TID the following information:
 - The value of new construction in the TID, less the value of improvements removed from the TID.
 - An analysis of the impact on property taxes and levy limits resulting from the value of new construction less improvements removed in each tax TID. The substitute amendment also specifies information that must be contained in this analysis.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 was introduced by Senator Ballweg on January 12, 2022. On January 20, 2022, the Senate Committee on Government Operations, Legal Review and Consumer Protection voted to recommend adoption of the substitute amendment by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0; and passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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