## 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 807

January 22, 1996 – Introduced by Representatives Underheim, Ward, Ziegelbauer, Porter, Goetsch, Musser, Urban, Seratti, Hasenohrl, Owens, Lazich, Silbaugh, Hahn, F. Lasee and Grothman, cosponsored by Senators Buettner and Welch, Referred to Committee on Mandates.

- AN ACT to amend 62.23 (7) (em) of the statutes; relating to: city and village
- 2 historic preservation ordinances.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a city, village, town or county may regulate by ordinance any place, structure or object with a special character, historic interest or other significant value, to preserve the place, structure or object. A city, village, town or county may also regulate by ordinance historic landmarks and all property within a designated historic district to preserve the landmarks and the character of the district.

Also under current law, a city or village is required to enact a historic preservation regulatory ordinance not later than 1995 if the city or village contains any property that is listed on the national register of historic places in Wisconsin or the state register of historic places. A city or village is also required, under current law, to regulate historic landmarks and all property within a designated historic district to preserve the landmarks and the character of the district if the city or village contains any property that is listed on the national register of historic places in Wisconsin or the state register of historic places.

This bill changes current law by repealing the requirement that a city or village enact a historic preservation regulatory ordinance under certain circumstances.

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:

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62.23 (7) (em) Historic preservation. A city, as an exercise of its zoning and police powers for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare of the community and of the state, may regulate by ordinance, or if a city contains any property that is listed on the national register of historic places in Wisconsin or the state register of historic places shall, not later than 1995, enact an ordinance to regulate, any place, structure or object with a special character, historic, archaeological or aesthetic interest, or other significant value, for the purpose of preserving the place, structure or object and its significant characteristics. A city may create a landmarks commission to designate historic or archaeological landmarks and establish historic districts. The city may regulate, or if the city contains any property that is listed on the national register of historic places in Wisconsin or the state register of historic places shall regulate, all historic or archaeological landmarks and all property within each historic district to preserve the historic or archaeological landmarks and property within the district and the character of the district.

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