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## 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 365

May 28, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives Nischke, Foti, Vrakas, Nass, Bies, Friske, Gard, Gunderson, Hines, Jensen, Kestell, Ladwig, F. Lasee, M. Lehman, McCormick, Musser, Ott, Staskunas, Townsend, Van Roy, Taylor, Plouff, Pettis, Weber, J. Wood and Grothman, cosponsored by Senators Kedzie, Roessler and Stepp. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

AN ACT to create 66.0114 (1) (d) of the statutes; relating to: authorizing municipal courts to contract with collection agencies and the sharing of collection costs by cities, villages, towns, and counties.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the municipal court collects forfeitures and certain assessments and surcharges for violations of city, village, and town ordinances and disburses them to the appropriate municipal entities and, in some instances, to the counties.

This bill authorizes the municipal court to contract with a collection agency to collect these forfeitures, assessments, and surcharges. The bill also provides that the costs of collection are deducted before the forfeitures, assessments, and surcharges are disbursed so that the collection costs are shared by the cities, villages, towns, and counties on whose behalf the forfeitures, assessments, and surcharges are collected.

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:

**Section 1.** 66.0114 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

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66.0114 (1) (d) The municipal court may contract with a collection agency for the collection of unpaid forfeitures, assessments, and surcharges under par. (a). The contract shall provide that the collection agency shall be paid from the proceeds recovered by the collection agency. The net proceeds that the municipal court receives after the payment to the collection agency shall be considered the amount of forfeitures, assessments, and surcharges collected for distribution under par. (bm) and sub. (3) (b) and (c).

8 (END)