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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 161

April 8, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives E. Brooks, Bernier, Novak, Steffen, Spreitzer, Mursau, R. Brooks, Kerkman, Ripp, Murtha, Weatherston, Ballweg, A. Ott, Genrich, Kulp, Milroy, Tittl, Rohrkaste, Meyers and Petryk, cosponsored by Senators Petrowski, Harsdorf, Lemahieu, Marklein, Bewley, Olsen, Ringhand, Vinehout, Cowles, Lasee and Lassa. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

- AN ACT to repeal 82.03 (2) (a) and 82.03 (2) (b); and to renumber and amend
- 2 82.03 (2) (intro.) of the statutes; **relating to:** limitations on town expenditures
- 3 for certain highway purposes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the town board must provide the material and equipment needed to construct and maintain the highways under the town's jurisdiction. Also under current law, the total sum spent for these purposes in any year may not exceed the product of \$5,000 multiplied by the miles of highway under the town's jurisdiction. This limit may be exceeded only if exceeding the limit is authorized by the town meeting or by referendum at a town election.

Under this bill the limit on town expenditures for material and equipment for construction and maintenance of highways is eliminated.

For further information see the *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.** 82.03 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 82.03 (2) and
- 5 amended to read:

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82.03 (2) Funding and equipment. The town board shall provide machinery,
implements, material, and equipment needed to construct, maintain, and repair the
highways and bridges under the town's jurisdiction, and for those purposes may
acquire by purchase or by condemnation under ch. 32 stone, gravel, sand, clay, earth,
gravel pits, stone quarries, and interests in land under s. 83.07. The total sum spent
under this subsection in any year for construction, maintenance, and repair of
highways and bridges may not exceed the product of \$5,000 multiplied by the miles
of highway under the jurisdiction of the town measured by the most recent highway
mileage for the town, as determined under s. 86.302, unless one of the following
occurs:

Section 2. 82.03 (2) (a) of the statutes is repealed.

Section 3. 82.03 (2) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

13 (END)