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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 654

January 7, 2016 - Introduced by Representatives SANFELIPPO, CRAIG, BRANDTJEN, DUCHOW, GANNON, JARCHOW, KNODL, KOOYENGA, SKOWRONSKI, HUTTON and RODRIGUEZ, cosponsored by Senators VUKMIR, LAZICH and KAPENGA. Referred to Committee on State Affairs and Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 59.10 (2) (d) 1., 59.10 (2) (d) 2. and 59.60 (7e) (b); and **to create**
2 59.60 (7e) (f) of the statutes; **relating to:** decreases in the number of Milwaukee
3 County board supervisory districts.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows the Milwaukee County board to decrease the number of supervisors and change the boundaries of the supervisory districts not more than once prior to November 15, 2017. Under the bill, at least 30 percent of the number of new districts must be within the city of Milwaukee.

Under current law, with certain exceptions, the Milwaukee County board's expenditures, as budgeted in the annual budget adopted by the board, for expenses related to the county board, such as salaries and fringe benefits of county board members, costs for staff, and certain items related to the functioning of the board, are limited to no more than 0.4 percent of the county portion of the property tax levy. Among the items specifically excluded from this 0.4 percent limit are costs related to pension and health care payments for retired county employees, officers, and their families; salaries for supervisors and the county board chairperson for a term that begins before April 2016; and certain costs related to duties performed by the Milwaukee County clerk.

Under this bill, depending upon the number of supervisory districts eliminated, an amount equal to either the decrease in the number of supervisory districts multiplied by the current salary of a county board supervisor or the total of the current salaries of all current county board supervisors is also excluded from the 0.4 percent limit.

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This bill also excludes from the limit costs for the salary, health benefits, and pension benefits of county board supervisors and the county board chairperson for any term that begins before November 15, 2017, or the date that the board decreases the number of supervisory districts, whichever is sooner.

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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 59.10 (2) (d) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 59.10 (2) (d) 1. 'Number of supervisors; redistricting.' The board may, not more
3 than once prior to November 15, ~~2010~~ 2017, decrease the number of supervisors after
4 the enactment of a supervisory district plan under par. (a). In that case, the board
5 shall redistrict, readjust, and change the boundaries of supervisory districts, so that
6 the number of districts equals the number of supervisors, the districts are
7 substantially equal in population according to the most recent countywide federal
8 census, the districts are in as compact a form as possible, ~~and~~ the districts consist of
9 contiguous municipalities or contiguous whole wards in existence at the time at
10 which the amended redistricting plan is adopted, except as authorized in sub. (3) (b)
11 2., and at least 30 percent of the number of districts are wholly contained within the
12 city of Milwaukee. If a municipality's population is less than the target population
13 of a district, the municipality shall be wholly contained within the district, except
14 that the municipality's population may be split between 2 districts to assure that all
15 districts are within 5 percent of the target population for a district or in order to
16 comply with section 2 of the federal Voting Rights Act, 42 USC 1973 (a) and (b). The
17 total number of such municipalities split between 2 districts may be no more than
18 necessary to achieve a total population deviation of 10 percent or less from the least
19 populated district to the most populated district. In the amended plan, the board

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1 shall adhere to the requirements under sub. (3) (b) 2. with regard to contiguity and
2 shall, to the extent possible, place whole contiguous municipalities or contiguous
3 parts of the same municipality within the same district. In the amended plan, the
4 original numbers of the districts in their geographic outlines, to the extent possible,
5 shall be retained. The amended plan shall not take effect unless approved by the
6 executive council, as defined in s. 59.794 (1) (d). The chairperson of the board shall
7 file a certified copy of any amended plan adopted under this subdivision with the
8 secretary of state.

9 **SECTION 2.** 59.10 (2) (d) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

10 59.10 (2) (d) 2. 'Election; term.' Any amended plan enacted under subd. 1.
11 becomes effective on the first November 15 following its enactment, and first applies
12 to the spring election following the plan's effective date. Any amended plan enacted
13 under subd. 1. shall remain in effect until the effective date of a redistricting plan
14 subsequently enacted under par. (a). Supervisors elected from the districts created
15 under subd. 1. at an election held before 2016 shall serve for 4-year terms and shall
16 take office on the 3rd Monday in April following their election. Supervisors elected
17 from the districts created under subd. 1. at an election held in 2016 or in any year
18 thereafter shall serve for 2-year terms and shall take office on the 3rd Monday in
19 April following their election.

20 **SECTION 3.** 59.60 (7e) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 59.60 (7e) (b) The costs for the salary, health benefits, and pension benefits of
22 county board supervisors and the county board chairperson for any term that begins
23 before ~~April 2016~~ November 15, 2017, or the date that the board decreases the
24 number of supervisory districts under s. 59.10 (2) (d) 1., whichever is sooner.

25 **SECTION 4.** 59.60 (7e) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

