



2015 SENATE BILL 306

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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 251.11 (1) and 251.15 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** multiple
2 county health departments.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows counties to form a multiple county health department with a minimum initial term and, in addition, requires counties participating in a multiple county health department to determine tax levy contributions from each participating county on a per capita basis.

Under current law, a county board may, in conjunction with the county board of one or more other counties, establish a multiple county health department, but then may withdraw at any time and for any reason by giving written notice to its county board of health and the county boards of all other participating counties. This bill allows counties to establish a multiple county health department with an initial minimum period of up to five years, during which a participating county may withdraw only if withdrawal is necessary to meet statutory requirements for a Level I health department.

Under current law, the local health board of every multiple county health department must annually prepare a budget of its proposed expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year and determine the proportionate cost to each participating county on the basis of equalized valuation. This bill changes the basis for the determination of proportionate costs to participating counties, instead requiring that the local health board determine the proportionate levy contribution from each participating county on a per capita basis.

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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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 251.11 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 251.11 (1) The local board of health of every ~~multiple county health department~~
3 ~~established under s. 251.02 (3) and of every city-county health department~~
4 established under s. 251.02 (1m) shall annually prepare a budget of its proposed
5 expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year and determine the proportionate cost to each
6 participating county and city on the basis of equalized valuation. The local board of
7 health of every multiple county health department established under s. 251.02 (3)
8 shall annually prepare a budget of its proposed expenditures for the ensuing fiscal
9 year and determine the proportionate levy contribution from each participating
10 county on a per capita basis. A certified copy of the budget, which shall include a
11 statement of the amount required from each county and city, shall be delivered to the
12 county board of each participating county and to the mayor or city manager of each
13 participating city. The appropriation to be made by each participating county and
14 city shall be determined by the governing body of the county and city. No part of the
15 cost apportioned to the county shall be levied against any property within the city.

16 **SECTION 2.** 251.15 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 251.15 (1) After establishing a multiple county health department under s.
18 251.02 (3), any participating county board may withdraw by giving written notice to
19 its county board of health and the county boards of all other participating counties,
20 except that participating county boards may, in establishing a multiple county
21 health department under s. 251.02 (3), establish an initial minimum participation

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1 period of up to 5 years. If a multiple county health department is established with
2 an initial minimum participation period under this subsection, a participating
3 county may not withdraw during that initial minimum period unless withdrawal is
4 necessary to meet statutory requirements for a Level I health department under s.
5 251.05.

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