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To: Assembly Committee on Local Government
From: Representative Lisa Subeck
Date: February 7, 2018
Subject: Testimony in support of Assembly Bill 836, relating to population standard for populous counties.

Chairman Brooks and members of the Assembly Committee on Local Government:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Assembly Bill 836, which is a technical bill that will update references in state statutes to reflect current population numbers and prevent numerous laws designed specifically for Milwaukee County from being applicable to Dane County.

In the next census, Dane County will surpass 500,000 residents and in turn be subject to the laws the legislature has specifically passed for Milwaukee who for almost a century has been the only county to have over 500,000 people.

Wisconsin statutes contain over 200 references to a county with a population of 500,000 or more. Without a change in state law those laws not designed with Dane County in mind will suddenly be applicable.

AB 836 updates those references from 500,000 to 750,000, to ensure that the status quo continues for the laws as they apply to Dane County while making no changes to what in current law applies to Milwaukee County. It makes no changes to current powers or duties of county and local government in Wisconsin.

The legislation is supported by the Dane County Cities & Villages Association, the City of Madison, and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

Thank you again for your time and your consideration of Assembly Bill 836. I would be happy to answer any questions.

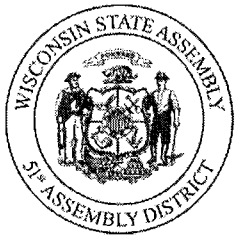
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AB 836

Thank you Chairman Brooks and members of the committee for holding a hearing on Assembly Bill 836. This bill raises the population threshold for populous counties from 500,000 to 750,000 in order to maintain the current status quo with regards to Milwaukee County that has existed for almost a century.

Projections for the upcoming 2020 federal census show that Dane County will likely surpass the 500,000 population threshold to be designated as a populous county. If this occurs, 246 statutory provisions, many of which were enacted as Milwaukee-specific legislation, would be applied to Dane County.

With a population significantly exceeding 750,000, nothing in this proposal would affect Milwaukee County.

Many of these provisions, specifically the Jurisdictional Transfer of County Trunk Highways, could create problems for Dane County as they could be a shock to local villages and municipalities. Transferring responsibility of county highways to local governments would represent a massive cost shift and disrupt a currently well-functioning transportation system. If this legislation is adopted, the duties of local governments would remain unchanged.

This proposal is supported by both the Dane County Cities and Villages Association and the Dane County Board which has passed various resolutions over the past decade requesting this change. Most recently, the Dane County Board has supported this update in its 2017-2018 Dane County Legislative Agenda.

I ask for your support and would be happy to answer any questions.

Thank you,

Todd Novak



Luther S. Olsen

State Senator

14th District

TO: Assembly Committee on Local Government

FROM: Senator Luther Olsen

DATE: February 7, 2018

SUBJECT: Testimony in favor of Assembly Bill 836

Thank you Chairman Brooks and the Assembly Committee on Local Government for holding a hearing and allowing me to testify in favor of Assembly Bill 836.

Every 10 years, the United States conducts a federal census to obtain an accurate count of the national population. After the census is administered in Wisconsin, counties with a population over 500,000 residence are required to follow some distinct laws while having the ability to transfer governmental services to local municipalities. For nearly a century, Milwaukee County has remained the only county in the state that meets that threshold.

By the next census in 2020, Dane County is projected to join Milwaukee County with over 500,000 residents. According to the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau, there are 246 various provisions, many specific to Milwaukee County, that will also then be applied to Dane County – some of which could be problematic. Dane County would also gain the ability to transfer some governmental services to local municipalities.

This legislation increases the population threshold to 750,000 throughout state statute. This change will not affect Milwaukee County because their population is currently above that. Instead of picking and choosing which statutes to change from transferring over in the population threshold, we are proposing an across the board increase from 500,000 to 750,000. In other words, we want to maintain the current status quo after the 2020 census.

This will not change the current powers or duties of county and local governments. However, left unaddressed, local municipalities could endure immeasurable expenses and additional governmental responsibilities if Dane County transfers any of those services.

This legislation is supported by the Dane County Cities and Villages Association. In addition, the Dane County Board has passed a resolutions requesting this change, most recently in its approved 2017-18 Dane County Legislative Agenda.

Thank you, members. I ask for your support and would be more than happy to answer any questions.



MEMORANDUM

TO Matthew Rohrbeck, office of Representative Keith Ripp

FROM Bob Paolino, Senior Legislative Analyst

DATE March 27, 2017

SUBJECT Statutory provisions relating to counties with a population of 500,000 or more

You asked about statutory provisions that apply to—or do not apply to—counties with a population of 500,000 or more that were intended to apply only to Milwaukee County but that could apply also to Dane County following the 2020 U.S. census. (The July 1, 2016, Census Bureau estimate for Dane County is 531,273.)

We identified 246 statutes that refer either to counties with a population of 500,000 or more or that are limited to some or all counties with populations under 500,000. The table below includes the statutes that apply to counties with populations under 500,000 because those statutes have the same effect of making a distinction between Milwaukee County and smaller counties, and because it is a classification that would no longer apply to Dane County, based on population.

As we discussed, not all of these sections have a readily identifiable state fiscal impact. Some relate to different titles of public offices or local agencies, specific institutions, zoning requirements, election-related provisions, et cetera.

	Wisconsin Statute	Subject
1	5.58 (2)	Ballot requirements; offices to be included
2	5.58 (3)	Ballot requirements; names on spring ballot
3	7.30 (4) (b) 2. a.	Appointment of election officials; municipality other than a city or village
4	7.30 (4) (b) 2. b.	Appointment of election officials; city or village other than [Milwaukee]
5	8.10 (3) (c)	Candidate nomination requirements; judicial offices
6	8.10 (3) (cm)	Candidate nomination requirements; county executive
7	8.10 (3) (d)	Candidate nomination requirements; county executive, counties 100,000-500,000
8	8.10 (3) (f)	Candidate nomination requirements; county supervisors
9	8.10 (3) (g)	Candidate nomination requirements; county supervisors, counties 100,000-500,000 (except as in sub. (3m))
10	8.10 (3m)	Candidate nomination requirements; ordinance exception to sub. (3) (g)
11	8.11 (2) (b)	Primary election requirements; judicial offices or county board of supervisors
12	11.1101 (1) (d)	Campaign contributions
13	11.1101 (2) (d)	Campaign contributions
14	11.1101 (3) (g)	Campaign contributions
15	11.1101 (4) (g)	Campaign contributions
16	17.21 (5)	Filling vacancies; county supervisors

	Wisconsin Statute	Subject
17	19.21 (5) (a)	Disposal of public records; ordinance for county of 500,000 or more
18	19.21 (5) (b)	Disposal of public records; ordinance for counties of less than 500,000
19	27.02 (1)	County park commissions; counties under 500,000
20	27.03 (2)	County park system; appointment of manager for county of 500,000 or more
21	27.06	Levy for county parks; county of 500,000 or more subject to § 59.60
22	27.075 (1)	Counties under 500,000, county board powers for municipal parks at request of municipality
23	30.79 (4)	Water safety patrols, counties under 500,000
24	32.08 (1)	Commissioners of condemnation, number of commissioners varies by size of county
25	38.40 (4m) (a)	Technical college school-to-work programs in county of 500,000 or more
26	40.02 (17) (gm)	ETF creditable service for assistant district attorney in county of 500,000 or more
27	40.02 (25) (a) 6.	ETF insurance eligibility of employees of district attorney office (except DA), county of 500,000 or more
28	40.02 (28)	Definition of "employer" for ETF purposes in county of 500,000 or more
29	40.02 (36)	Definition of "governing body" for ETF purposes in county of 500,000 or more
30	40.30 (1)	Intrastate retirement reciprocity, first class cities and county of 500,000 or more
31	43.12 (1) (a) 1.	Public libraries in counties under 500,000
32	43.12 (1) (a) 3.	Public libraries in counties under 500,000
33	43.12 (2) (intro.)	Public libraries in counties under 500,000
34	43.12 (7)	Public libraries in counties under 500,000
35	43.17 (9) (a)	Public library contracts bidding in county of at least 500,000 or library system within two or more counties
36	43.19 (2) (a)	Public library system a separate legal entity in county of 500,000 or more or within two or more counties
37	45.03 (13) (k) (intro.)	DVA funding for homeless veterans in county of 500,000 or more
38	45.75 (1)	Veterans' memorials in county of 500,000 or more
39	45.80 (4)	CVSO appointment in county of 500,000 or more
40	46.036 (5m) (em)	County social services in county of 500,000 or more, may not maintain surplus
41	46.10 (12)	County social services in county of 500,000 or more, power of DA in cost recovery
42	46.21 (1) (am)	County social services, definition of county board of supervisors in county of 500,000 or more
43	46.22 (1) (a)	County social services department, board, and personnel in county under 500,000 or two or more counties
44	46.23 (3) (a)	County social services department, board, and personnel in county under 500,000 or two or more counties
45	46.48 (30) (a)	County social services in county of 500,000 or more, AODA treatment grants
46	50.03 (2) (b)	Nursing home and residential care facilities inspection in county of 500,000 or more
47	51.08	Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex
48	51.09	Mental health and substance abuse facilities in counties under 500,000
49	51.437 (4g) (c)	Care for persons with developmental disabilities in county of 500,000 or more
50	51.437 (10m) (intro.)	County developmental disabilities services director in certain counties
51	59.10 (1) (a)	County board composition, number of supervisors
52	59.10 (2) (intro.)	County board composition, county of at least 500,000
53	59.10 (3) (a) (intro.)	County board composition, maximum number of supervisors in counties under 500,000
54	59.10 (3) (a) 1.	County board composition, maximum number of supervisors in counties 100,000–499,999
55	59.10 (3) (h)	County board compensation, number of attendance days depending on size of county
56	59.10 (3) (i)	County board alternative compensation methods, counties under 500,000
57	59.11 (1) (c)	County board meetings, county of 500,000 or more
58	59.13 (3)	County board compensation in county of 500,000 or more, prohibition on additional compensation
59	59.17 (1) (a)	County executive election in county of 500,000 or more

	Wisconsin Statute	Subject
60	59.17 (1) (b)	Creation or abolition of office of county executive in counties under 500,000
61	59.18 (1)	Creation of county administrator in counties under 500,000
62	59.20 (2) (a)	Four-year terms for register of deeds, clerk, treasurer, surveyor; no elected surveyor in county of 500,000 or more
63	59.20 (2) (b)	Four-year terms for sheriff and coroner; no coroner in county of 500,000 or more or other county with medical examiner
64	59.20 (2) (c)	Professional land surveyor; counties under 500,000 may elect or board may designate duties to any professional surveyor
65	59.25 (3) (a) 1.	County treasurer duties
66	59.25 (3) (a) 2.	County treasurer duties; county of more than 500,000
67	59.25 (3) (b)	County treasurer duties, road and bridge fund exception for county 500,000 or more
68	59.26 (1) (intro.)	Undersheriff optional in county of more than 500,000
69	59.26 (8) (a)	Number and selection of deputy sheriffs in counties under 500,000
70	59.34 (1) (a)	County coroner v. medical examiner duties
71	59.38 (5)	Appointment of medical examiner in county of 500,000 or more
72	59.40 (1) (a)	County clerk of court appointment of deputies in counties under 500,000
73	59.40 (1) (b)	County clerk of court appointment of deputies in county of 500,000 or more
74	59.42 (1) (a)	Corporation counsel in counties under 500,000
75	59.42 (2) (a)	Corporation counsel in county of 500,000 or more
76	59.42 (2) (b) 4.	Corporation counsel duties in civil matters in county of 500,000 or more
77	59.43 (7) (a)	Register of deeds, county of 500,000 or more
78	59.43 (7) (b)	Register of deeds, counties under 500,000
79	59.45 (1) (a) 2.	Duties of county surveyor (counties under 500,000); no county surveyor in county 500,000 or more, record filed with RPC
80	59.45 (1) (b)	Surveys by professional land surveyors filed with county surveyor (under 500,000) or RPC (500,000 or more)
81	59.52 (1) (a)	County department of administration, county of 500,000 or more
82	59.52 (1) (b)	County department of administration, counties under 500,000
83	59.52 (3) (b)	Public records, originals unfit for use, variation in procedures for counties under and over 500,000
84	59.52 (4) (a) 20.	Register of deeds in county of more than 500,000; preservation of public records
85	59.52 (4) (b) (intro.)	Transfer of obsolete county records in counties under 500,000; offer to historical society
86	59.52 (4) (c) (intro.)	Destruction of obsolete county records in counties under 500,000 if historical society does not accept
87	59.52 (21)	Compensation of county commission members in counties under 500,000
88	59.55 (3)	Consumer protection licensing ordinances in counties under 500,000
89	59.56 (2) (c)	Public museum and central library funds in county of 500,000 or more
90	59.56 (10) (b)	Radio and television broadcast schedule; advertising of county programs, functions, or activities in county of 500,000 or more
91	59.56 (14) (a) 2.	Land for agricultural and industrial fairs, tax levy in counties under 500,000
92	59.56 (14) (c)	Acquisition of land for agricultural and industrial fairs, county more than 500,000
93	59.57 (1) (b)	Industrial development funding, 20 percent expenditure goal to nonprofit agency managed by and to serve minority group members; county of 500,000 or more
94	59.60 (1)	County budget process in county of 500,000 or more
95	59.60 (7m) (intro.)	Publication of county budget summary; county of 500,000 or more
96	59.60 (13) (a)	Tax stabilization fund authorized; county of at least 500,000
97	59.64 (4) (d)	County boards, examination of claims against a county; name of person may be omitted in county of more than 500,000
98	59.66 (2) (a) 2.	Notice of unclaimed funds, publication in community-based newspapers in county of 500,000 or more
99	59.694 (2) (a)	County zoning; composition of board of adjustment in counties under 500,000
100	59.694 (2) (b)	County zoning; composition of board of adjustment in county of more than 500,000

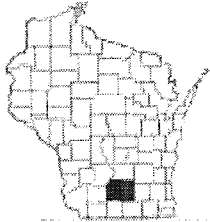
	Wisconsin Statute	Subject
101	59.70 (2) (intro.)	Solid waste management; creation and composition of boards except for county of 500,000 or more
102	59.74 (2) (b) 1.	County surveying, inaccessibility of markers; notice to county clerk or surveyor (under 500,000) or RPC (500,000 or more)
103	59.74 (2) (b) 2.	County surveying, recording duties, report to county surveyor (under 500,000) or RPC (500,000 or more)
104	59.74 (2) (c)	Petition to appoint professional land surveyor in counties (under 500,000) without county surveyor. In counties above 500,000, the board may appoint an agency as the county surveyor.
105	59.74 (2) (h)	DOT or county highway department surveyors, filing field reports; RPC acts in the capacity of county surveyor in county 500,000 or more
106	59.79 (intro.)	Special powers of county of 500,000 or more
107	59.792 (1) (a)	Special powers of county of 500,000 or more; waste management
108	59.80	City-county crime commission in county of 500,000 or more and first class city
109	59.81	Cash management powers of county treasurer in county of 500,000 or more
110	59.82 (1) (intro.)	Research and technology park in county of 500,000 or more
111	59.84 (1) (a)	Special powers relating to transportation in county of 500,000 or more
112	59.85 (1) (d)	Special powers relating to employee retirement systems in county of 500,000 or more
113	59.86	Special powers relating to employee retirement systems in county of 500,000 or more
114	59.87 (1) (b)	Special powers relating to employee retirement systems in county of 500,000 or more
115	59.875 (1)	Special powers relating to employee retirement systems in county of 500,000 or more
116	59.88 (1)	Special powers relating to employee retirement systems in county of 500,000 or more
117	61.19	Village elections in county of 500,000 or more
118	62.23 (6) (am) 2.	City planning and zoning, city not in a county of 500,000 or more, airport affected areas
119	62.23 (7) (d) 2.	City planning and zoning, city not in a county of 500,000 or more, airport affected areas
120	62.23 (7) (d) 2m. b.	City planning and zoning, city not in a county of 500,000 or more, airport affected areas
121	63.01 (1)	County civil service commission; mandatory in county of 500,000 or more; permissive in under 500,000
122	63.03 (2) (km)	County civil service, exceptions; DA staff, county of 500,000 or more
123	63.03 (2) (sg)	County civil service, exceptions; medical examiner, county of 500,000 or more
124	63.03 (2) (sm)	County civil service, exceptions; corporation counsel, county of 500,000 or more
125	63.065	County civil service, leave of absence for elected office, county of 500,000 or more
126	65.90 (1)	Municipal budgets, definition of municipality for this section excludes county of 500,000 or more and first class city
127	65.90 (6) (intro.)	Municipal budgeting; liability reserve fund for county 500,000 or more, and municipalities
128	66.0125 (4)	Community relations-social development commissions; supervisor in county of more than 500,000 may not accept compensation
129	66.0427	Open excavations; county of 500,000 or more
130	66.0602 (3) (d) 3.	Levy limits; provision not applicable to county of 500,000 or more
131	66.0603 (1m) (e) (intro.)	Local government investment requirements, county of 500,000 or more
132	66.0603 (5) (intro.)	Local government investment requirements, county of 500,000 or more
133	66.0607 (2)	Disbursement methods, county of 500,000 or more
134	66.1031 (1)	Local streets and highways, variation in mapping requirement for county of 500,000 or more
135	66.1031 (3) (intro.)	Local streets, street widths; county of 500,000 or more
136	67.045 (1) (g)	County debt, employee retirement system, county of 500,000 or more
137	67.12 (12) (a)	Local government debt, repayment period, county of 500,000 or more or first class city
138	70.51 (2)	Property tax assessment; certificates delivered to commissioner of assessments in county of 500,000 or more containing first class city
139	71.38	Income tax, urban mass transportation definition, reference to county of 500,000 or more

	Wisconsin Statute	Subject
140	73.06 (1)	Property tax assessor meeting, no compensation or travel expense reimbursement for county of 500,000 or more
141	74.19	Property tax receipts; this specific procedure does not apply to county of 500,000 or more
142	74.37 (6)	Claim on excessive assessment; does not apply in county of 500,000 or more, but see <i>Sup Ct. 2001 WI 92, 245 Wis. 2d 86, 630 N.W. 2d 141</i>
143	75.521 (3) (a) 2.	Foreclosure of tax liens; one year for county of 500,000 or more
144	75.67 (1)	Delinquent taxes, procedure for county of 500,000 or more
145	75.69 (1m) (a)	Sale of tax delinquent real estate; a provision does not apply to county of 500,000 or more
146	83.01 (1) (b)	County highway commissioner shall also be the director of public works; county of 500,000 or more
147	83.015 (3) (a)	County highway committee, cost accounting system for counties under 500,000
148	83.025 (1) (d)	County trunk highways; in county 500,000 or more, board may remove from the system any part within an incorporated village or city
149	111.70 (8) (a)	Municipal employment relations; law enforcement supervisors, county of 500,000 or more
150	111.70 (8) (b)	Municipal employment relations; law enforcement supervisors, other than county of 500,000 or more
151	111.77 (8) (a)	Municipal employment relations; settlement of disputes, public safety employees who are supervisors, county of 500,000 or more
152	117.132 (1)	School district, attachment of territory, county of 325,000-499,999
153	117.132 (1m) (c)	School district, attachment of territory, county of 325,000-499,999; definition of municipality
154	118.175 (2)	Pupils without parents or guardians; report required by teacher, administrator, counselor, or social worker—in county less than 500,000 to county department, and in county more than 500,000 to DHS
155	118.23 (1)	Teacher tenure, county of 500,000 or more (statute does not apply after December 21, 1995, except those already employed)
156	118.25 (3)	Health examinations, schools in counties under 500,000
157	120.08 (2) (c)	School district special meetings; limit of two, except in county 500,000 or more (limit of four)
158	121.85 (9) (a)	School special transfer programs; planning council in county of 500,000 or more
159	125.04 (3) (f) 2.	Alcohol licensing, county of more than 500,000
160	150.93 (3m)	Moratorium on construction of hospital beds; transfer of beds from public hospital to private hospital in county of 500,000 or more
161	150.951 (1)	Transfer of psychiatric or chemical dependency beds from a public hospital, county of 500,000 or more
162	164.06	Law enforcement officers may be candidates; exception for county 500,000 or more or first class city
163	165.55 (4)	Arson investigation; state fire marshal shall assign at least one deputy exclusively to fire marshal duties for county of 500,000 or more
164	165.987 (1)	Youth diversion programs; grant program for county of 500,000 or more
165	167.27 (1)	Capping and filling wells or similar structures; section applies only to county 500,000 or more
166	174.001 (2j)	Animal control; intergovernmental commission of municipalities in county of 500,000 or more
167	174.07 (1) (c)	Dog licenses and collar tags; additional copy filed in county of 500,000 or more
168	174.07 (3) (a)	Dog licenses and collar tags; additional copy filed in county of 500,000 or more
169	174.10 (2)	Animal control; intergovernmental commission of municipalities in county of 500,000 or more
170	175.40 (5) (a)	Arrests; jurisdiction extends to entire county in county of 500,000 or more
171	194.04 (3) (a)	Motor carriers; provision applicable to county of 500,000 or more
172	195.29 (4)	Railroad highway crossings; grade separation in Milwaukee County
173	198.22 (13)	Municipal water districts; distribution system standards in Milwaukee County
174	228.01	Recording of documents and public records in county of 500,000 or more
175	228.02	Certification of records in county of 500,000 or more

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176	228.03 (1)	Copy to be deemed to be original record in county of 500,000 or more
177	228.04	Inspection of records and copies of records in county of 500,000 or more
178	228.05	Index for documents of ancillary nature as substitute for required marginal references in county of 500,000 or more
179	228.06	Correction and alterations of records in county of 500,000 or more
180	236.03 (2)	Assessors' plats; exceptions for county of 500,000 or more
181	236.12 (1)	Procedure for approval of plats for counties under 500,000
182	236.34 (1m) (em) 2. c.	Recording of certified survey map; dividing unincorporated land in a county with a population of 500,000 or more
183	236.34 (1m) (er) 2. b.	Recording of certified survey map; dividing unincorporated land in a county with a population of 500,000 or more
184	236.41 (3)	Vacating and altering plats; service of notice in county of 500,000 or more
185	236.46 (1) (b)	County planning agency provisions for counties under 500,000
186	250.01 (4) (a) (intro.)	Definition of local health department in counties under 500,000
187	250.01 (4) (b)	Definition of local health department in county of 500,000 or more
188	251.02 (1)	County health department; county under 500,000
189	251.02 (1m) (intro.)	City-county health department; county under 500,000
190	251.02 (2) (a) (intro.)	City and village health departments in county of 500,000 or more (establish or contract)
191	251.02 (2) (b)	City and village health departments in county of 500,000 or more (joint)
192	251.02 (3m)	Specific local health department in county of 100,000–499,999
193	256.35 (3) (b) 8. a.	Statewide emergency services number; funding for countywide systems, charges for county of 500,000 or more
194	256.35 (3) (b) 8. b.	Statewide emergency services number; funding for countywide systems, charges for county under 500,000
195	256.35 (3) (b) 8. c.	Statewide emergency services number; funding for countywide systems, charges for county under 500,000
196	287.13 (4) (a)	Municipal waste flow control; required use of recycling or resource recovery facility, conflicts in counties under 500,000
197	287.13 (4) (b) 1.	Municipal waste flow control; required use of recycling or resource recovery facility, conflicts in counties of 500,000 or more
198	287.13 (4) (b) 2.	Municipal waste flow control; required use of recycling or resource recovery facility, conflicts in counties of 500,000 or more
199	301.08 (1) (b) 2.	DOC contract with a minimum security institution in county of 500,000 or more
200	302.336 (1)	County jail in county of 500,000 or more
201	303.08 (14)	Huber law in county of 500,000 or more
202	303.16 (3)	Jointly established house of correction, counties under 500,000
203	345.43 (3) (a)	Jury trial, motor vehicle violations, county of 500,000 or more
204	349.03 (3)	Local regulation for public transportation and taxicab lanes in county of 500,000 or more
205	349.13 (4)	Removal of disabled vehicle on highway in county of 500,000 or more
206	753.30 (1)	Clerk of circuit court; duties, powers; assistant chief deputy clerk in county of 500,000 or more
207	753.30 (3) (intro.)	Clerk of circuit court; duties, powers; assistant chief deputy clerk in county of 500,000 or more
208	755.045 (1) (c)	Circuit court in county of 500,000 or more may hear municipal court cases when municipal court is not in session
209	757.41 (2)	Milwaukee County law library; librarian appointed by county executive
210	757.68 (2m) (a) 1.	Circuit court commissioners; supervise family court in counties under 500,000
211	757.68 (2m) (b)	Circuit court commissioners; supervise family court, classified service, in county of 500,000 or more
212	757.68 (4m)	Circuit court commissioners; supervise probate court, classified service, county of 500,000 or more; optional in counties of 100,000–499,999
213	757.68 (5m)	Circuit court commissioners; small claims in county of 500,000 or more; optional in counties under 500,000

	Wisconsin Statute	Subject
214	799.04 (2)	Small claims summons forms; printed in English and Spanish in county of 500,000 or more
215	814.70 (3) (a)	Court fees, sheriffs; counties under 500,000
216	814.70 (3) (b)	Court fees, sheriffs; county of 500,000 or more
217	814.70 (4) (a)	Court fees, sheriffs; counties under 500,000
218	814.70 (4) (b)	Court fees, sheriffs; county of 500,000 or more
219	815.18 (6) (b) 3.	Property exempt from execution; retirement benefits, county of 500,000 or more (exempt under other law)
220	815.18 (13) (hm)	Property exempt from execution; retirement benefits, county of 500,000 or more (exempt under other law)
221	851.71 (4)	Appointment and compensation of registers in probate; county of 500,000 or more
222	851.72 (7)	Duties of registers in probate; counties under 500,000
223	851.72 (9)	Duties of registers in probate; counties of 500,000 or more
224	938.07 (3)	Court ordered emergency shelter to juvenile; county social services department, county of 500,000 or more
225	938.22 (1) (b)	County and private juvenile facilities; counties under 500,000
226	938.22 (1) (c)	County and private juvenile facilities; county of 500,000 or more
227	938.22 (3) (a)	County and private juvenile facilities; supervision of facility in counties under 500,000
228	938.22 (3) (b)	County and private juvenile facilities; supervision of facility in county of 500,000 or more
229	946.87 (3)	Racketeering activity; corporation counsel as well as district attorney in county of 500,000 or more
230	961.555 (2) (c)	Controlled substances forfeiture proceedings; DA or corporation counsel in county of 500,000 or more (DA elsewhere)
231	973.075(5m) (a) 2.	Forfeiture of property derived from crime; "prosecutor" in county of 500,000 or more includes corporation counsel as well as DA
232	973.076 (1) (b) 3.	Civil forfeitures; corporation counsel or DA in county of 500,000 or more
233	978.03 (1)	Deputy and assistant district attorneys, prosecutorial unit, population of 500,000 or more
234	978.03 (1m)	Deputy and assistant district attorneys, prosecutorial unit, population of 200,000–499,999
235	978.07 (2)	Obsolete DA records; prosecutorial unit, population under 500,000, offer to historical society before destruction
236	978.12 (1) (a) 1. a.	Salaries and benefits of district attorney and employees; prosecutorial unit more than 500,000
237	978.12 (1) (a) 1. b.	Salaries and benefits of district attorney and employees; prosecutorial unit 250,001–500,000
238	978.12 (5) (b)	DA salaries and benefits, retirement system; additional option for county of 500,000 or more
239	978.12 (5) (c) (intro.)	DA salaries and benefits, retirement system; additional option for county of 500,000 or more
240	978.12 (6) (a) 2.	DA salaries and benefits, retirement system; "grandfather" provisions for all, and for county of 500,000 or more
241	978.13 (1) (b)	Operational expenses of district attorney offices; clerk positions in county of 500,000 or more
242	978.13 (1) (c)	Operational expenses of district attorney offices; clerk positions in county of 500,000 or more
243	978.13 (1) (d)	Operational expenses of district attorney offices; clerk positions in county of 500,000 or more
244	985.03 (1) (c)	Publication of legal notices; newspapers, designation, county of 500,000 or more
245	985.08 (4)	Publication of legal notices; newspapers, fees, county of 500,000 or more
246	995.20	Legal holidays; county board may enact holiday for municipal election, and half-day for primary election in county of 500,000 or more

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To: Representative Edward Brooks, Chair
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From: Forbes McIntosh

Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Re: Support for Assembly Bill 836 – Updating Population Threshold Specifically Jurisdictional Transfer of County Trunk Highways

On behalf of the members of the Dane County Cities' & Villages' Association (DCCVA) we urge your support for Assembly Bill 836, a technical proposal meant to update the base population standard or threshold for populous counties from 500,000 to 750,000.

The 500,000 population threshold has been employed by the Wisconsin Legislature for nearly 100-years as a unique identifier in state statutes to describe Milwaukee County. However, this identifier will soon be made obsolete in the upcoming 2020 Census when Dane County is projected to surpass the 500,000 population threshold – at which time 246 statutory policy references intended by the legislature to affect only Milwaukee County will also then apply to Dane County – some of which are problematic. The intent of the legislation is to maintain the status quo.

DCCVA for several months has been talking with local leaders and state legislators from the Dane County area on a more specific threshold change focused solely on *Wis. Stat. §83.025(1)(d)* relating to "jurisdictional transfer of county trunk highways." While there is significant bipartisan support for this more focused change - a greater policy question was continually raised as to whether it was time to introduce a final "wrap up" bill to deal with all remaining 246 population references - as a "wrap up" bill should be passed either this year or next, prior to the 2020 census process.

It should be noted that the Dane County Board has passed resolutions over the years requesting this population threshold policy change, including in the approved 2017-18 Dane County Legislative Agenda - Item #24...

"Population Change. Dane is nearing the 500,000 population mark. Support legislation to address issues within the state statutes that pertain to counties with a population of 500,000 or more by changing the population figure to 750,000 or more throughout the state statutes..."

Again, on behalf of the DCCVA membership, we urge your support of SB-709.

Thank you.