



State of Wisconsin  
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1697/P1

EVM:klm

DOA:.....Martin, BB0393 - Advisory referenda

**FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT ...; relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

***Local advisory referenda***

Under current law, a county may not conduct a countywide advisory referendum unless it regards a political subdivision revenue sharing agreement or capital expenditures proposed to be funded by the county property tax levy. In addition, current law prohibits a municipality from conducting an advisory referendum unless it regards tax incremental financing, a local government telecommunications utility, or capital expenditures proposed to be funded by the municipality's property tax levy.

This bill eliminates these restrictions and specifically authorizes a county to conduct referenda for advisory purposes.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

**SECTION 1.** 59.52 (25) of the statutes is amended to read:

59.52 (25) ADVISORY AND CONTINGENT REFERENDA. The board may conduct a countywide referendum for advisory purposes or for the purpose of ratifying or validating a resolution adopted or ordinance enacted by the board contingent upon approval in the referendum. ~~The board may not conduct a referendum for advisory purposes, except as provided under s. 66.0305 (6) or for an advisory referendum regarding capital expenditures proposed to be funded by the county property tax levy.~~

**BILL**

**SECTION 2**

**SECTION 2.** 66.0144 of the statutes is repealed.

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