



2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 42

February 17, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives SORTWELL, BEHNKE, GOEBEN, MIRESE, PIWOWARCZYK, STROUD and WICHGERS, cosponsored by Senator CABRAL-GUEVARA. Referred to Committee on Local Government.

1 **AN ACT to create** 66.0443 of the statutes; **relating to:** local regulation of fowl.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits political subdivisions and sewerage districts from prohibiting the keeping of up to four chickens or quail (fowl) by property owners or certain lessors on properties zoned for residential use. The bill specifically allows political subdivisions and sewerage districts to do any of the following with regard to the keeping of fowl:

1. Require a keeper of fowl to obtain a permit.
 2. Require notification of adjoining land owners.
 3. Impose reasonable regulations related to the location of fowl housing on a property.
 4. Prohibit the keeping of roosters.
 5. Impose reasonable cleanliness standards.
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The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

2 **SECTION 1.** 66.0443 of the statutes is created to read:

3 **66.0443 Local regulation of fowl.** (1) In this section:

ASSEMBLY BILL 42**SECTION 1**

1 (a) "Fowl" means chickens or quail.

2 (b) "Local governmental unit" means a city, village, town, county, or sewerage
3 district.

4 (2) No local governmental unit may prohibit the keeping of 4 or fewer fowl by
5 any of the following on a property zoned for residential use:

6 (a) The owner of the property. A local governmental unit may prohibit any
7 keeping of fowl that is inconsistent with the condominium's declarations, bylaws,
8 and rules on a property that is a condominium.

9 (b) A lessor of the property if the property is owner-occupied.

10 (3) Notwithstanding sub. (2), a local governmental unit may do any of the
11 following with regard to the keeping of fowl:

12 (a) Require a keeper of fowl to obtain a permit.

13 (b) Require notification of owners of properties adjoining the property on
14 which fowl are to be kept.

15 (c) Impose reasonable regulations related to the location of fowl housing on a
16 property.

17 (d) Prohibit the keeping of roosters.

18 (e) Impose reasonable cleanliness standards.

19 (END)