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# City of West Allis Matter Summary

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7525 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, WI 53214

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# LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES APRIL 8, 2003

Honorable Mayor and Common Council City of West Allis, Wisconsin

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, April 8, 2003, to discuss proposed bills pending before the Wisconsin Legislature.

PRESENT: Mayor Jeannette Bell

Scott Post, City Attorney

Paul Ziehler, City Administrative Officer and Acting City Clerk/Treasurer

**EXCUSED:** Alderperson Paul Murphy

**LEAGUE: 12-13** 

WI TAXPAYERS' ALLIANCE: 12-13

#### 1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION

AB189 MUNICIPAL COUNTY AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; RESIDENCY

OPPOSE, because the bill would remove residency from local control; this issue is not a matter of statewide concern; it also has been negotiated locally already.

SB78/ PUBLIC RECORDS, PERSONNEL RECORDS OF PUBLIC

AB196 EMPLOYEES; CONFIDENTIALITY

Refer to Scott Post.

SB81 ELECTION OFFICIALS; RESIDENCY

AB190 No position.

AB210 BARTENDERS' LICENSES; RECIPROCITY

OPPOSE, because the bill would mandate the City to accept another city's determination in regards to licensing bartenders; our standards for granting

licenses should be the guide not another city's.

AB136 CHARTER TOWNS

OPPOSE, because towns do not need another method to become a city; they can

use current laws that govern incorporation.

### 1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION Cont'd.

# SB51 DRIVING PRIVILEGES; COURT SUSPENSION

FAVOR, because the bill would give municipal court more flexibility.

# AB206 POINTING A FIREARM OR THROWING BODILY SUBSTANCES AT CERTAIN PERSONS

FAVOR, because the bill would protect City employees from individuals deliberately throwing bodily fluids at them, thus improving their safety and reducing risk. The bill should be amended to include firefighters, EMTs, first responders, and ambulance drivers.

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# AB148 <u>CITIES AND VILLAGES; WEIGHTS AND MEASURES</u>

FAVOR, because the bill would allow cities to save money by intergovernmental cooperation for weights and measures services.

#### 2. REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION

#### AB92 PROPERTY TAX REASSESSMENT

No position.

# AB141 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES; CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

OPPOSE, because the bill interferes with municipal authority.

#### SB61/ ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND RESULTS; DNR

#### AB228 PROGRAMS

No position.

# AB168 PROPERTY TAXATION OF LAND ADJUSTED IN VALUE BY STATE LAW OR LOCAL ORDINANCES

OPPOSE, because the bill would allow for certain land to be exempt from taxes in a situation where the reasoning and impact of the parcel's economic viability is not clearly defined.

# AB108 CATS; RABIES VACCINATION

FAVOR, because the bill would require rabies vaccinations for cats, which would protect the public from this danger.

#### SB29 USE OF SOLID WASTE FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS; IMMUNITY

No position.

# AB14 <u>SEX OFFENDER'S RESIDENCE; NOTIFICATION OF LAW</u>

**ENFORCEMENT** 

FAVOR, because the bill would provide law enforcement personnel with information on sex offenders' residences to keep the public informed.

# AB40 RETIRED PEACE OFFICERS; WEAPONS

OPPOSE, because the bill does not address the training issues involved and does not address any of the liability issues that arise from use of force incidents.

# SB54/ MUNICIPAL CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM

**AB110** No position.

#### AB115 ELECTIONS; WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

FAVOR, because the bill would eliminate some needless paperwork for undeclared write-in candidates.

# AB121 ELECTION OFFICIALS; PAY, TRAINING, CERTIFICATION

No position.

# AB146 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX; INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS

OPPOSE, because the bill would delay personal property tax payments resulting in a loss of City interest earnings on investment of those funds.

# SB72 HEALTH INSURANCE; NERVOUS AND MENTAL DISORDERS

AND DRUG ABUSE

OPPOSE, because the bill would mandate higher mental health medical costs for the City's employees.

#### SB76/ ABSENTEE BALLOTS; MAILING, WITNESSING

AB175 OPPOSE, because the bill would require two witnessed signatures with affidavit

for absentee ballots, thus making it more difficult for those people to vote. That part of the bill which would require absentee ballots being mailed to only permanent addresses (as in AB172 below) would be okay.

# AB172 ABSENTEE BALLOTS; MAILING

FAVOR, because the bill would reduce problems when absentee ballots are mailed to anywhere other than the permanent home address.

# 3. <u>OTHER</u>

a. Referrals Still Outstanding:

**AB124** Chief Hook (3/25/03)

b. Mayor to attend meeting (rally) on State Budget regarding shared revenue.

Jeannette Bell, Mayor