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## **Rep. Born Votes for Historic Investment in Local Governments**

Assembly Bill 245 passes State Assembly

**Madison** – Representative Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) voted in favor of Assembly Bill (AB) 245, which will provide a historic increase in local government funding. Under the plan passed by the Assembly, local governments throughout the state will receive over \$260 million in new money.

"I am proud to vote for this much-needed investment in our local governments, which will help them provide core services that Wisconsin residents expect. Every community in Wisconsin will benefit from this plan, while particularly building up those that have historically received less shared revenue."

AB 245, passed as amended by the Assembly, will provide a minimum increase of 15% for all counties and municipalities in Wisconsin. Of the \$261 million in new money for local governments, \$68 million will go to counties and \$193 million will go to cities, villages and towns. In addition, \$300 million will fund a pilot program to incentivize and support communities that consolidate services.

"This plan is one we can all be proud of—it is the product of hours of negotiations. It is one that will increase aid for our communities by at least 15% and, for some of our smaller communities, by over 1000%. I have heard from communities of all sizes about the importance of this funding, and I am hopeful this legislation will move swiftly through the Senate and to the Governor for a signature."

The amended version of Assembly Bill 245 now goes to the State Senate for a vote.

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