

November 8, 2005

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-106

**RESOLUTION BY THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL 756 AND ANY OTHER LEGISLATION THAT
WOULD SHIFT SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PATROL AND INVESTIGATIVE
COSTS TO SMALL MUNICIPALITIES**

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 756 would require each county to establish a separate levy for patrol and investigative services of its sheriff's department; and

WHEREAS, AB 756 would exempt from that levy for sheriff's department patrol and investigative services, any municipality or group of municipalities with a population of 10,000, if that municipality or group of municipalities provides 24-hour law enforcement patrol and investigative services to the residents thereof; and

WHEREAS, AB 756 would prohibit, after the effective date of the legislation, any increase in that levy for sheriff's department patrol and investigative services upon any non-exempt municipality that has a police department that provides patrol and investigative services; and

WHEREAS, AB 756 disregards the constitutional responsibility of the Sheriff to enforce the law throughout the county; ignores the multi-jurisdictional nature of traffic law enforcement; jeopardizes public safety by encouraging small municipalities to create separate police agencies of limited capabilities; and encourages fragmentation of public safety services; and

WHEREAS, AB 756 will have the effect of shifting to small municipalities the cost of law enforcement services that benefit all county residents and that have historically been shared by all county municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Racine County Board of Supervisors strongly opposes AB 756 and any other legislation that would shift Sheriff's Department patrol and investigative costs to small municipalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the County Clerk forward copies of this resolution to Governor James Doyle, Racine County's state legislators, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all other Wisconsin counties.

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BOARD ACTION

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For _____

Against _____

Absent _____

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

Prepared by:
Corporation Counsel

Respectfully submitted,

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
COMMITTEE**

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