



## 2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 177

April 25, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives BIES, NYGREN and T. LARSON.  
Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

\*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

1     **AN ACT relating to:** transferring technical college district assets, liabilities, and  
2             employees to the technical college system board; limiting the authority of  
3             technical college district boards and prohibiting them from levying property  
4             taxes; increasing the rate of the state sales tax and use tax, and requiring a  
5             referendum.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Effective July 1, 2015, this bill makes the following changes to the state technical college system:

1. The bill transfers all technical college district facilities, property, assets, and liabilities to the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board.
2. The bill transfers all technical college district employees to the WTCS Board.
3. The bill prohibits the technical college district boards from levying property taxes. Under the bill, a district board's only duty is to advise the district director, who is appointed by the WTCS Board.

The bill directs the WTCS Board to develop an orderly plan for the changes described above and to submit the plan to the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) within 30 days after the bill's effective date.

Effective January 1, 2015, the bill increases the state sales and use tax by one cent.

The bill provides that all of the changes described above are contingent upon their approval by the electorate at a referendum held at the spring election in 2014.

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Finally, the bill directs the Legislative Reference Bureau to prepare a bill, for introduction in the 2013 legislature by JCF, that reconciles the statutes with the bill's provisions.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1           **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

2           (1) Effective July 1, 2015:

3           (a) A technical college district board's only duty is to advise the district director,  
4 who is appointed by the technical college system board.

5           (b) Technical college district boards may not issue bonds or promissory notes.

6           (c) Technical college district boards may not levy property taxes.

7           (d) Incumbent employees holding positions in the technical college district  
8 boards are transferred to the technical college system board, and the number of  
9 authorized positions in the technical college system board is increased accordingly.  
10 Employees transferred under this paragraph retain all the rights in the technical  
11 college system that they enjoyed in the technical college district boards immediately  
12 before the transfer.

13           (e) All facilities, property, assets, and liabilities of the technical college district  
14 boards, including debt outstanding on July 1, 2015, are transferred to the technical  
15 college system board, and all contracts entered into by the technical college district  
16 boards in effect on July 1, 2015, are transferred to the technical college system board  
17 and remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the technical college system board  
18 to the extent allowed under the contracts.

