



## 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 412

June 12, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives COLON, SINICKI, GIELOW, HAHN, JENSEN, WASSERMAN, ZEPNICK and ZIEGELBAUER. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

1     **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 62.50 (6); and *to create* 62.50 (6) (b) of the  
2             statutes; **relating to:** changing the method of selecting the chief of police and  
3             chief engineer of the fire department in a first class city.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, a first class city (presently only Milwaukee) must have a Board of Police and Fire Commissioners (board) that consists of five citizens, not more than two of whom shall at any time belong to the same political party. If a vacancy exists in the office of chief of police or chief engineer of the fire department, the board appoints someone to fill the office. The appointment is for a term set by city ordinance, which may not exceed ten years, or for the remainder of an unexpired term.

Under this bill, if a vacancy exists in the office of chief of police or chief engineer of the fire department, the vacancy is filled by appointment by the mayor from a list of three names recommended by the board. The mayor's appointment must be confirmed by the common council, and the appointee serves at the pleasure of the mayor.

For further information see the *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:***

