



2011 SENATE BILL 318

December 6, 2011 – Introduced by Senator TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representative KESSLER. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce, and Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT to create** 755.175 of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring a municipal
2 judge to be a licensed Wisconsin attorney.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person may be elected or appointed as a municipal judge if the person is a qualified elector of the municipality in which election or appointment is sought. A qualified elector is a U.S. citizen age 18 or older who has resided in an election district or ward for ten days before any election where the citizen offers to vote. Beginning on January 1, 2012, this bill requires a person seeking to be elected or appointed as a municipal judge to be an attorney licensed to practice in this state and a member in good standing of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 755.175 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **755.175 Municipal judge must be an attorney.** Beginning on January 1,
5 2012, no person may qualify for election or appointment as a judge unless the person

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SECTION 1

1 is an attorney licensed to practice in this state and a member in good standing of the
2 State Bar of Wisconsin.

3 (END)