



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Assembly Bill 613

Assembly Amendment 2

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2013 Assembly Bill 613 relates to modifying the duties of a county clerk; the counties in which a board of election commissioners is required; and staffing of a board of election commissioners in populous counties.

2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 613

Among other changes, Assembly Bill 613 does all of the following:

- Updates and modifies certain duties that county clerks must perform.
- Makes certain authorities and responsibilities applicable to all county clerks, rather than only county clerks in populous counties.
- Makes the appointment of an acting clerk mandatory rather than discretionary in certain situations.
- Specifies the role of county clerks with respect to county board meetings.
- Requires the clerk in Milwaukee County to serve as executive director of the county board of election commissioners.
- Specifies that only a county clerk may remove a deputy county clerk.
- Requires county clerks to appoint at least one full-time equivalent deputy.
- Provides county clerks unlimited access to certain county records.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2

Assembly Amendment 2 removes four changes made by the bill. First, the amendment removes a requirement that every county clerk must appoint one or more full-time equivalent deputies. It retains a requirement under current law that a clerk must appoint one or more deputies.

Second, the amendment removes a provision specifying that a deputy clerk may be removed only by the clerk.

Third, the amendment removes a provision that gives county clerks unlimited access to their counties' books, accounts, bills, vouchers, and receipts, without regard to whether the county has established an office of county auditor.

Fourth, the amendment removes a change relating to the provision of salaries for deputy clerks. Specifically, the bill makes the provision of a salary mandatory rather than permissive. The amendment retains the permissive approach under current law but specifies that a county board may provide a salary for a deputy or deputies at "its annual meeting or a special meeting," rather than "at any meeting."

BILL HISTORY

Representative Bernier introduced Assembly Amendment 2 to 2013 Assembly Bill 613 on February 20, 2014. On March 6, 2014, the Assembly Committee on State Affairs and Government Operations voted to recommend the adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0; and Absent, 3. On the same day, the committee voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 3; and Absent, 3.

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