



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 341
[2015 Senate Bill 581]

Eligibility for Local Office

2015 Wisconsin Act 341 increases the limit on the amount an elected official in certain cities, villages, or towns may earn as a volunteer fire fighter, emergency medical technician (EMT), or first responder for that local government.

Under prior law, an individual could only hold elected office in a city, village, or town if the individual did not earn more than \$15,000 per year in compensation and fringe benefits as a volunteer fire fighter, EMT, or first responder.

Under Act 341, an individual may earn \$25,000 or less in annual compensation and fringe benefits as a volunteer fire fighter, EMT, or first responder and still serve as an elected official if the city, village, or town has a population of 5,000 or less. If the city, village, or town has a population of more than 5,000, then an individual may earn \$15,000 or less in annual compensation and fringe benefits and still serve as an elected official (as under prior law).

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.