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CHAPTER 423.

AN ACT to renumber 66.19 (2); to amend 60.19 (2) (a) and (b) and to create 60.19 (4) and 66.19 (2) (b) of the statutes, relating to granting to towns the option of having assessors under civil service.

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

SECTION 1. 60.19 (2) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

60.19 (2) (a) The electors of any * * * town having a population over 10,000 in a county containing a population over 500,000 may request a referendum to select town assessors under civil service by petition signed by at least 15 per cent of the whole number of electors voting therein for governor at the last preceding general election. When such petition is filed with the town clerk at least 20 days prior to a general or special town election, the question shall be submitted to the electors as a referendum at such election, proper notice shall be given, and the question shall abide the majority vote of the electors of such town.

(b) If a majority vote shall be for the selection of the assessors by civil service, the assessors shall thereafter be selected under civil service. If a civil service system shall be provided for such town under section 66.19 (2) (a), the assessors shall be chosen in accordance therewith. If no such system shall be in effect, the town board shall by ordinance adopt a civil service system in accordance with section 66.19 (2) (a) or (b) for the selection of assessors.

SECTION 2. 60.19 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

60.19 (4) The electors of any town not within the population classification of (2) may request a referendum as provided in (2) to select assessors by appointment. Selection shall be under any one of the following 3 options. (a) If such town has a civil service system, the assessor shall be chosen in accordance therewith; (b) If such town has no civil service system, the town board may by ordinance adopt one in accordance with section 66.19 (2) for the selection of assessors; (c) If such town does not adopt a civil service system for selection of assessors, the town board shall appoint them on the basis of merit, experience and general qualifications, fix the salary and the term of office which shall not exceed 3 years. The provisions of (2) (d) and (3) are also applicable to all towns appointing assessors under (4).

SECTION 3. 66.19 (2) of the statutes is renumbered to be 66.19 (2) (a).

SECTION 4. 66.19 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

66.19 (2) (b) Any town not having a civil service system and having exercised the option of placing assessors under civil service pursuant to section 60.19 (2) (a) may proceed under section 60.29 (1) to establish a civil service system for assessors as provided in subsection (1).

Approved June 26, 1951.
