

1971 Senate Bill 515

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AN ACT to amend 60.19 (1) (a) and 60.48; and to create 60.19 (1) (am) of the statutes, relating to composition and powers of town boards.

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

SECTION 1. 60.19 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

60.19 (1) (a) Biennially, in the odd-numbered years, at the annual town meeting each town shall elect the following officers: 3 supervisors except when the number of supervisors has been increased under par. (am), one of whom shall be designated on the ballots as chairman, a town clerk, a treasurer, an assessor (the number of assistant assessors for which the town board before such election made provision), and so many constables, not exceeding 3, as were ordered by the last preceding annual town meeting. No person not an elector of the town shall hold any town office, except that the town may appoint a corporation as an assistant to the assessor under s. 70.05 (2), or employ a corporation as expert help under s. 70.055, and no person shall hold the offices of treasurer and assessor at the same time. The electors may at a referendum election held at the time of any regular or special election, vote to combine the offices of assessor and clerk to take effect at the expiration of the current terms of such officers. No assessor shall be elected in towns appointing such officers under civil service under subs. (2) and (3) and no assessor shall be elected in any town after such town comes within the jurisdiction of a county assessor under s. 70.99. The corporation appointed under s. 70.055 shall designate the person who shall serve with the assessor as the assessment board. The designee shall file the official oath as prescribed in s. 19.01, and sign the affidavit of the assessor attached to the assessment roll under s. 70.49.

SECTION 2. 60.19 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

60.19 (1) (am) Any town board authorized to exercise village powers may, by ordinance, increase the number of supervisors to no more than 5. If the number of supervisors is increased to 4, the town shall elect 2 supervisors each year. If the number is increased to 5, the town shall elect 3 supervisors in odd-numbered years and 2 supervisors in even-numbered years.

SECTION 3. 60.48 of the statutes is amended to read:

60.48 Every town treasurer shall execute and file an official bond which may be furnished by a surety company ~~as provided by section under s. 204.07~~ in a sum to be fixed at not less than the whole amount of money estimated to come into his hands during his term, except in towns where the town board is authorized to exercise village powers the amount of such bond shall be set by the town board.