



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2015 Senate Bill 581**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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### **2015 SENATE BILL 581**

Senate Bill 581 increases the limit on the amount an elected official in a city, village, or town may earn as a volunteer fire fighter, emergency medical technician (EMT), or first responder for that local government. Under current law, an individual may only hold elective office in a city, village, or town if the individual does not earn more than \$15,000 per year in compensation and fringe benefits as a volunteer fire fighter, EMT, or first responder. Senate Bill 581 raises the compensation and fringe benefits limit to \$25,000 per year.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 only increases the annual compensation limit for elected officials in a city, village, or town with a population of 5,000 or less. Under the amendment, 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.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Kitchens on February 17, 2016. On February 18, 2016, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 and concurred in Senate Bill 581, as amended.

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