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2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 256

April 8, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives Hundertmark, Jeskewitz, Albers, Bies, Friske, Gielow, Hines, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Olsen, Ott and Owens, cosponsored by Senators Welch and Schultz. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

1 AN ACT to amend 60.37 (4) (a) and 66.0501 (4) of the statutes; relating to:

compatible offices and positions for city, village, and town elective officeholders.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a volunteer fire fighter, emergency medical technician, or first responder in a city, village, or town whose annual compensation, including fringe benefits, does not exceed \$15,000 may also hold elective office in that city, village, or town.

This bill adds a part-time seasonal employee in a park and recreational program to the list of occupations to which the current law applies.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 60.37 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

60.37 (4) (a) An elected town officer who also serves as a town employee may be paid an hourly wage for serving as a town employee, not exceeding a total of \$5,000 each year. Amounts that are paid under this paragraph may be paid in addition to

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any amount that an individual receives under s. 60.32 or as a volunteer fire fighter, emergency medical technician, or first responder, or part-time seasonal employee in a park and recreational program under s. 66.0501 (4). The \$5,000 maximum in this paragraph includes amounts paid to a town board supervisor who is acting as superintendent of highways under s. 81.01 (1).

Section 2. 66.0501 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.0501 (4) Compatible offices and positions. A volunteer fire fighter, emergency medical technician, or first responder, or part-time seasonal employee in a park and recreational program in a city, village, or town whose annual compensation from one or more of those positions, including fringe benefits, does not exceed the amount specified in s. 946.13 (2) (a) \$15,000 may also hold an elective office in that city, village, or town. It is compatible with his or her office for an elected town officer to receive wages under s. 60.37 (4) for work that he or she performs for the town.

15 (END)