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2017 SENATE BILL 294

June 15, 2017 - Introduced by Senator L. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives KESSLER, WACHS, SINICKI, BERCEAU and SUBECK. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT to create** 755.175 of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring a municipal
2 judge to be a licensed Wisconsin attorney.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person may be elected or appointed as a municipal judge if the person is a qualified elector of the municipality in which election or appointment is sought. A qualified elector is a U.S. citizen age 18 or older who has resided in an election district or ward for a certain number of consecutive days before any election where the citizen offers to vote. Beginning on January 1, 2018, this bill requires a person seeking to be elected or appointed as a municipal judge to be an attorney licensed to practice in this state and a member in good standing of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 755.175 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **755.175 Municipal judge must be an attorney.** Beginning on January 1,
5 2018, no person may qualify for election or appointment as a judge unless the person

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SECTION 1

1 is an attorney licensed to practice in this state and a member in good standing of the
2 State Bar of Wisconsin.

3 (END)