



2005 SENATE BILL 63

February 15, 2005 - Introduced by Senator COWLES, cosponsored by Representative MONTGOMERY. Referred to Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 61.66 (1) (intro.) of the statutes; **relating to:** expanding the
2 authority of villages to create combined protective services departments.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Generally under current law, a village with a population of at least 5,000 is required to provide police protection services by creating its own police department, by contracting for police protection services with a city, village, or town, or by creating a joint police department with another city, village, or town. Also under current law, in general, a village with a population of at least 5,500 is required to provide fire protection services by creating its own fire department, by contracting for fire protection services with a city, village, or town, or by creating a joint fire department with another city, village, or town.

Current law also authorizes a village with a population of less than 20,000 to provide police and fire protection services in one of two additional ways. The first way is by using a combined protective services department, which is neither a police department nor a fire department; which was created before January 1, 1987; and in which the same person may be required to perform police protection and fire protection duties, subject to some limitations on consecutive hours that may be worked in police protection. The second way is by requiring persons in a police department or fire department, alone or in combination with persons designated as police officers or fire fighters, to perform police protection and fire protection duties, subject to some limitations on consecutive hours that may be worked in police protection. In either case, the village may designate any person required to perform police protection and fire protection duties as primarily a police officer or fire fighter

