

1977 Assembly Bill 44

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CHAPTER 20, Laws of 1977

AN ACT to amend 62.13 (5) (b) of the statutes; and to amend 959-46d. 19, of the statutes, as last amended by chapter 429, laws of 1969, relating to filing complaints against police.

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

SECTION 1. 62.13 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

62.13 (5) (b) Charges may be filed against a subordinate by the chief, by a member of the board, by the board as a body, or by ~~an elector of the city~~ any aggrieved person. Such charges shall be in writing and shall be filed with the president of the board. Pending disposition of such charges, the board or chief may suspend such subordinate.

SECTION 2. 959-46d. 19 of the statutes, as last amended by chapter 429, laws of 1969, is amended to read:

959-46d. 19. In cases where duly verified charges ~~shall be~~ are filed by any ~~reputable freeholder of any such city~~ aggrieved person with such board of fire and police commissioners, setting forth sufficient cause for the removal of any member of either of said departments, including the chiefs or their assistants, ~~it shall be the duty of such board to immediately~~ the board or chief may suspend such member or officer ~~and pending disposition of such charges.~~ The board shall cause notice of the filing of such charges with a copy thereof to be served upon the accused as herein provided and ~~to~~ shall set a date as herein provided for the trial and investigation of such charges, and the same procedure shall be followed as herein provided. The board shall decide by a majority vote whether the charges are sustained. If sustained the board shall immediately determine whether the good of the service requires that the accused shall be removed, suspended from office without pay for a period not exceeding ~~sixty~~ 60 days or reduced in rank. If not sustained the accused shall be immediately reinstated without prejudice. The secretary of the board shall make the decision public.

SECTION 3. **Printing.** 959-46d. 19 of the statutes, as created by this act, shall not be printed in the statutes.
